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Fahala: 13°C 55°F
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Fahala: 14°C 57°F
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Kuwait: 64 per cent
Ahmad: 64 per cent
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30,000 rebels surround Kabul Last Soviet soldier quits Afghanistan

TERMEZ, USSR, Feb 15, (Agencies): The last Soviet troops rolled home from Afghanistan today after nine years of war and 50,000 casualties, leaving behind a ravaged nation swarming with the same guerrillas the Red Army went to fight.

Some 200 cheering soldiers rode mud-spattered armoured personnel carriers across the steel Friendship Bridge spanning the Amu Darya River just 40 minutes before the noon (0730 GMT) withdrawal deadline set under a UN-mediated agreement.

Lieut. Gen. Boris Gromov, commander of the Red Army contingent in Afghanistan rode the last armoured personnel carrier.

His 14-year-old son Maxim ran to him and the two walked the final steps to the Soviet city of Termez.

At the border, the sunburned 45-year-old general, who bears the honorary title of a hero of the Soviet Union, said his thoughts were with countrymen who died in Afghanistan, "but most importantly about those who have come home."

UN military observers who monitored the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan verified that the pullout was completed today, a UN spokesman said.

In Moscow, the Communist Party daily Pravda acknowledged today that the Kremlin decision to send Soviet troops to Afghanistan may have been an error.

With Gromov and his troops gone, the mujahedeen, as Afghan rebels are known, expected major cities held by the Soviet-backed government of President Najib would fall. Najib has insisted his army can withstand the rebels.

Soviet officials estimate 30,000 rebels were gathered around Kabul, which has been blockaded for months. Foreign Ministry spokesman Vadim Perfiliev said 15,000 guerrillas were around Jalalabad to the east. Radio Kabul, monitored by the BBC, reported more insurgents surrounding Herat and Kandahar to the west.

Loyalty

Facing them were 30,000 Afghan Army conscripts with little loyalty to the Marxist government, according to Western intelligence estimates. Some guerrilla commanders say they expect stronger resistance from an estimated 20,000 secret police, elite guardsmen, police and armed Communist Party members.

The rebels say they have no desire for a bloodbath, but they have been unable to agree on the makeup of a coalition government that would take over if the

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Lieutenant General Gromov waves back towards Afghanistan as he crosses the border into the USSR. (Reuter wirephoto)

Education minister wounded in attack

Arab Times report

KUWAIT'S Education Minister Abdullah Al Nouri was on Tuesday night attacked by a hatchet wielding assailant, who was identified as Abdul Aziz Abbas Khurshed by an Interior Ministry official.

Nouri was injured in the attack and taken to the Mubarak Al Kabir Hospital. The minister was reported to be in satisfactory condition yesterday.

The incident occurred on Tuesday at about 8.00 pm when Nouri was visiting the diwan of the Finance Minister, Jassem Al Khorafi.

Suicide

According to a source, Khurshed, was present at the diwan, when Nouri arrived. Khurshed left the room and returned shortly afterwards with a hatchet, which he hid inside his shirt, and suddenly attacked Nouri. The motive of the attack is not yet known.

Investigations have revealed that Khurshed has been suffering from a split personality syndrome due to the recent death of his brother Hamzah and the sickness of his son.

Khurshed tried to commit suicide after the incident by burning himself. He was badly burned and is now at the intensive care unit of the Mubarak Al Kabir Hospital.

Nouri's brother Mohammad who tried to save Khurshed also received severe burns, officials said. Mohammad was playing cards at the diwan when the incident occurred.

Dr Ali A. Al Shamlan, the Minister of Higher Education will officiate in Nouri's place during the latter's absence, according to a decree.

56 killed in election violence

Sri Lankans defy polling booth attacks

COLOMBO, Feb 15, (Agencies): Millions of voters defied polling booth attacks, bombings and assassinations by political extremists and cast ballots in Sri Lanka's first parliamentary polls in more than a decade, officials said. At least 56 people were reported killed and 27 injured.

Officials overseeing security for the elections reported violent incidents in every one of the Indian Ocean island's eight provinces, with virtually all of the bloodshed blamed on the leftist Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), or Peoples Liberation Front, which vowed to derail the contests and kill anyone participating.

One slaying in Northeastern Province was attributed to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the only group of rebels of the ethnic Tamil minority that is still waging a more than five-year war for independence for the Tamil-dominated north and east.

Assisted

About 41,000 troops and police, assisted by an Indian force of an estimated 60,000 soldiers posted in the Tamil-dominated northeast, were deployed for the contests for the 225-member parliament. Some 9.37 million people were eligible to participate.

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Kuwait is seeking better relations with Iran: Premier

NEW YORK, Feb 15, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah has been quoted as saying he is optimistic of the negotiations between Iran and Iraq to end their protracted war.

"So far, I am optimistic, because the Iranians have made it very clear they are willing to end this war," Sheikh Saad said in remarks published in the New York Sunday Daily News.

Sheikh Saad also said Kuwait is seeking better relations with Iran to end past misunderstanding created by the Gulf war.

Present relations between Kuwait and Iran are heading towards the right direction, the Crown Prince said, noting that Kuwait has reopened its Tehran embassy.

Improve

He pointed out that the Kuwaiti staff at the embassy in Tehran is working to improve relations between both countries.

But Sheikh Saad warned that Kuwait would not allow any foreign country to interfere in its domestic affairs.

"We are closely following negotiations in Geneva, and have not objected to resume good relations with Iran, as long as they don't interfere in our domestic affairs," the Crown Prince said.

Commenting on Sheikh Saad's remarks, the magazine said despite its proximity to the Gulf war, "Kuwait has managed to maintain a neutral posture that has guided it through the Iran-Iraq crisis and enabled it to preserve its territorial independence."

"We were very worried during the war, but thanks to God, we followed a wise policy," said Sheikh Saad.

Accused

"Iran sometimes accused Kuwait of supporting Iraq, but we explained to the Iranians that although we are Arabs and close to Iraq, we had not offered military help, because the country didn't need military support from Kuwait," the Kuwaiti leader went on.

Sheikh Saad expressed satisfaction on relations with the United States, but suggested "the time has come for the US to put some sort of pressure on Israel to withdraw from the occupied West Bank, Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights — Arab lands seized in the 1967 war."

UK calls on Iran for clemency for jailed Briton

By Jadranka Porter

BRITAIN yesterday urged Iran to show mercy to Roger Cooper, a Briton sentenced on espionage charges in Tehran, as part of efforts to improve the relations between the two countries.

"We urge Iran to make an act of clemency in his (Cooper's) favour given the fact that our two countries have been seeking close relations," said the British Minister of State at the Foreign Office, William Waldegrave.

Speaking at a news conference in Kuwait, Waldegrave said that the twin cases of Cooper and Salman Rushdie, a British author who recently received a death threat from Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini, are of grave concern to the British government which is now seeking urgent clarification from Tehran.

Safety

He said that Cooper's safety remains of paramount importance to Britain and that the issue had been raised in meetings between the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe and Iran's Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati.

Iran announced on Tuesday that Cooper, held in Tehran since December 1985, had received a "heavy sentence" after confessing to spying for Britain.

Khomeini has called for Rushdie to be killed for his book "The Satanic Verses." Waldegrave said he was yet to receive a full account of the facts concerning the case of Rushdie.

"We need to have a confirmation of what has been said and by whom about which there may be some doubt," said Waldegrave.

The British official was on a day's visit to Kuwait during which he held talks with HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, the Deputy Premier and Foreign



Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Osaimi.

He urged Israel to respond to a new reality created by PLO's historic shift in its position toward a two-state solution.

He said that Western countries and the US have an important role to play in convincing Israel that there is "no question of suppressing the aspirations of the Palestinians."

"We know from our own experience in the dissolution of the British empire that when a people decides to withdraw its consent from being governed there is no power on earth that can stop that," said Waldegrave.

"The Palestinian people are not willing to wait for resolutions and committees and summit conferences for another 20 years." But he pointed out that the confidence of Israel in its permanent security is part of the basis for peace.

"What needs to be done is to bring home to opinion in Israel that there is no question now of seeking the destruction of Israel," Waldegrave said.

"None of the PLO leaders, none of the mainline Arab states

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4 Arab leaders gather to form new economic group

BAGHDAD, Feb 15, (Reuter): The leaders of Jordan, Egypt, North Yemen and Iraq gathered in Baghdad today to form a new Arab economic grouping with the ultimate aim of creating a common market.

An Arab diplomat said the leaders would announce formation of the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) tomorrow after the prime ministers of the four states had signed a draft document in Amman early today.

King Hussein of Jordan joined Presidents Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen and Iraq's Saddam Hussein in Baghdad for the summit.

President Saddam drove in separate open-car processions with his guests through streets lined with people. Some schools were given a holiday for the occasion and Baghdad Television opened during the morning to broadcast special programmes.

The newspaper of the ruling Baath Party, Al Thawra, quoted Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan as saying in Amman the ACC must achieve the highest possible degree of co-operation.

"The birth of the council will be a serious, practical and realistic one with a solid basis for future Arab action," he said.

Amman said the draft document agreed there set out the broad aims and structure for the new economic club.

"We are talking about a general outlook, not specific details," he said. "Now we are agreeing on the goal and later we will discuss the means to achieve it."

"The goal is a united market and we want it to start with a strong base before we expand."

An unofficial text of the draft document printed in Amman's Al Dustour newspaper said the ACC aimed at "the highest levels of co-ordination, co-operation, integration and solidarity" in economic, social, educational and cultural matters.

Rushdie goes into hiding

LONDON, Feb 15, (Agencies): British writer Salman Rushdie cancelled a US trip and went into hiding after Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini ordered his followers to kill the author for writing a book Muslims consider blasphemous.

Rushdie, who was born in India and raised as a Muslim, denied in interviews yesterday that his novel "The Satanic Verses" was blasphemous and accused his critics of a campaign of "smeared and vilifications" without even reading the book.

The soft-spoken, bespectacled Rushdie told the BBC he took Khomeini's death threat "very seriously."

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Another food-poisoning scare erupts in UK

LONDON, Feb 15, (Reuters): Another food-poisoning scare has erupted in Britain as critics accuse the government of presenting the public with a chaotic menu of warnings about eggs, chilled meals and now cheese.

"This time it's foot-in-mouth disease," headlined the Daily Mail yesterday, as cabinet ministers seemed to contradict each other.

"There appears to be some confusion," Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher acknowledged amid uproar in Parliament when pressed by Labour opposition leader Neil Kinnock to clarify statements by two ministers over a possible ban on cheese made from unpasteurised milk.

Warnings

The leader of Britain's farmers said the government had sown confusion and hysteria in its handling of a cheese poisoning scare just weeks after warnings about contaminated eggs and bacteria in supermarket chilled food.

"Listeria has turned to hysteria," said Simon Gourlay, chairman of the National Farmers Union (NFU). He was referring to a potentially lethal bacteria which government

officials warned has been found in soft, unpasteurised cheeses.

Gourlay accused the government of completely mishandling the issue and failing to co-ordinate between ministries.

Friday's announcement prompted fears among British and French farmers that sale and import of the cheeses might be banned.

Last weekend tabloid newspapers published front-page reports with banner headlines such as "Cheese can kill your baby".

Two British ministers added to confusion on Monday by making apparently contradictory statements about the purported danger.

Proposals

Agriculture Minister John MacGregor said in Brussels that proposals to ban the cheeses had been rejected. But within hours, Health Minister Kenneth Clarke said MacGregor was still considering a ban.

The latest food poisoning scare came just weeks after then Junior Health Minister Edwina Currie said most of Britain's egg production was infected with salmonella bacteria and egg sales fell by half.

Reporter breaches Heathrow security

LONDON, Feb 15, (Reuters): A British reporter took photographs of himself inside the cockpit of a Pan Am jumbo jet parked at London's Heathrow airport, where he said he used a false name to get a cleaning job.

The cleaning company which employed today newspaper reporter Steve Boggan under the false name of Shaun Turtle, said it was suspending operations at the airport pending a Pan Am investigation.

He was the third British journalist to pose as a cleaning worker and gain access to the tarmac at Heathrow in the last month. After the previous incidents, British Transport Secretary Paul Channon ordered a security crackdown.

Tested

The reporters tested security following the Dec 21 bombing that destroyed a Pan Am Boeing 747 over the Scottish town of Lockerbie killing 270 people.

Boggan said he filled in an employment form with false information and was allowed into a Pan Am maintenance hangar without ever having been formally interviewed or vetted.

A photograph of "Turtle's" identity pass issued by the cleaning company appeared in the newspaper.

"As my workmates took a meal break, I walked past a (security) guard and climbed the 747's spiral staircase to the cockpit," he wrote in the newspaper yesterday.

"For two minutes I sat in the pilot's seat. I took the steering column in my hands and set the camera to take a picture. No one outside appeared to see the flash in the cockpit and I walked out unchallenged."

He said he spent five minutes in the cockpit, took six photographs and pinpointed at least six places where a terrorist could have hidden a plastic explosives bomb the same size as his camera.

A colour photograph of Boggan in the cockpit, which he said he took with the camera on a timer, appears on the front page of Today.

Baker discusses alliance problems with De Mita

ROME, Feb 15, (UPI): US Secretary of State James Baker met today with Italian Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita, discussing alliance problems that ranged from terrorism to short range missiles.

Baker is midway through his six-day trip to 14 European NATO countries.

Immediately after his talks with De Mita, Baker returned to Rome's top security Ciampino military airport, where his special plane left for Madrid at 11:30 am (1000 GMT). From Madrid he was scheduled to fly on to Lisbon and later today to Brussels, where Baker will meet NATO and Belgian officials.

In Rome international co-operation in combatting terrorism and co-operation in fighting international drug trafficking were among topics discussed in Baker's one-hour meeting with De Mita at the prime minister's Chigi Palace office.

Suffering

The talks with De Mita were Baker's only formal encounter during his 15-hour visit to Rome. He had been scheduled to meet

veteran Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti, 70, immediately after his arrival late yesterday. But Andreotti had to cancel the meeting because he was suffering from a migraine headache.

In the talks at the Chigi Palace, De Mita was flanked by Ambassador Bruno Bontal, secretary-general of the Foreign Ministry.

Baker has described this trip as "an agenda setting" journey in which no discussions are planned or expected. Those decisions, including when and whether to modernise short-range nuclear missiles stationed in northern Europe, will be discussed at a NATO summit tentatively scheduled for late May in Brussels.

Baker discovered that the missile modernisation issue is a politically explosive one in West Germany, where Chancellor Helmut Kohl is under severe political pressure to push for a delay or cancellation of the modernisation.

Baker has discovered also that the impact of Mikhail Gorbachev's liberalisation policies in the Soviet Union and Eastern

Europe are having a dramatic impact on public opinion in the countries he is visiting.

Baker has asked his NATO partners to try to figure out a way to respond to the public relations offensive coming from Moscow.

Baker, under pressure to adhere to high ethical standards espoused by President Bush, said he ordered the sale of all his publicly traded stocks.

Stock

Baker's ownership of stock in a New York bank holding company had raised the prospect of a possible conflict of interest because Baker, as Secretary of State, will play a pivotal role in setting US policy on Third World debt issues.

Baker holds stock valued at more than \$250,000 in Chemical New York Corp., a successor firm to Chemical Bank, which holds billions of dollars in Third World debt.

An aide said Baker decided on Saturday in London, after consulting with lawyers, to sell all of his publicly owned stocks. Baker is on a 14-nation tour of NATO countries.

Rain Man tops nominations for Academy awards

BEVERLY HILLS, California, Feb 15, (AP): "Rain Man," a road movie featuring a scheming car salesman learning to love his autistic brother, topped nominations for the 61st Academy awards today with eight nods, including best picture.

The movie also received nominations for Dustin Hoffman as best actor and best director for Barry Levinson.

Earning seven nominations each were "Dangerous Liaisons," a drama hinging on the bed-hopping seductions of the wealthy in pre-revolutionary France, and "Mississippi Burning," the controversial depiction of the FBI's investigation of the slaying of three civil rights workers in 1964.

Salaam Bombay
Nominated for best foreign language film were India's "Salaam Bombay," Hungary's "Hansel and Gretel," Spain's "The Music Teacher," and Denmark's "Pelle the Conqueror."

Actress Sigourney Weaver claimed a rare Oscar double nomination, for best actress for "Gorillas in the Mist: The adventure of Dian Fossey," and best supporting actress for "Working Girl."

Joining Weaver in the best actress competition were Glenn Close for "Dangerous Liaisons," Jodie Foster for "The Accused," Meryl Streep for "A Cry in the Dark," and, in her first Oscar nomination, Melanie Griffith for "Working Girl."

Their male counterparts, joining "Rain Man's" Hoffman were Gene Hackman, for "Mississippi Burning." He was joined by Oscar nominee newcomers Tom Hanks for "Big," Edward James Olmos for "Stand and Deliver," and veteran actor Max von Sydow for Denmark's "Pelle the Conqueror."

In addition to Levinson's nomination for "Rain Man," best director nominees included Charles Crichton for "A Fish Called Wanda," Martin Scorsese for the controversial "The Last Temptation of Christ," Alan Parker for "Mississippi Burning," and "Working Girl's" Weaver.

Nominated for best supporting actress were Joan Cusack from "Working Girl," Geena Davis for "The Accused," Frances McDormand for "Mississippi Burning," and Michelle Pfeiffer for "Dangerous Liaisons."

Brown dies
PARIS, Feb 15, (UPI): Labour activist Irving Brown, the US government's eminence grise in the promotion of free trade unionism in Europe and Africa for 45 years, died at the age of 77, the AFL-CIO announced today.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ransom paid

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb 15, (AP): Police searched today for the abductors of former Prime Minister Paul Vanden Boeynants, a day after the family of the Christian Democrat paid a hefty ransom for his release.

On Tuesday, Vanden Boeynants returned home from a month in captivity after his family paid "several tens of millions of francs" for his release, said Brussels deputy prosecutor Andre Vandoren. Ten million francs is \$255,000.

"It's not over. The investigation continues on all fronts," prosecutor Andre Rutten told reporters.

Hunger strike

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 15, (Reuters): About 300 detainees in South African jails will go ahead with a hunger strike despite Pretoria's release of 17 detainees and promises that more will be freed soon, supporters of the strikers said today.

"My brother, who was in weak health only a few days before, said he and his colleagues would continue with the strike until they are charged or released," said John Bulelezi, whose brother Pula has been in detention since October 1987.

Death penalty

GENEVA, Feb 15, (UPI): Amnesty International reported today a growing global trend towards abolition of the death penalty with executions banned by law or not practiced in almost half the world's countries.

"Some 80 countries—close to half of all countries in the world (168)—are abolitionist either in law or practice," it said.

Activist ambushed

BELFAST, Feb 15, (Reuters): A local councillor of the political wing of the Irish Republican Army was shot dead outside his Northern Ireland home last night, a year after he survived a previous attempt on his life.

John Davey, a Sinn Fein member of the Magherafelt district council in the centre of the British-ruled province, was ambushed by three men when he returned home from a council meeting, police said today.

WIESBADEN, West Germany, Feb 15, (Reuters): Investigators have seized West Germany's largest haul of hashish on a ship arriving from Lebanon, the federal criminal office (BKA) said today.

The BKA said its officers found eight tonnes of the drug stored in 320 wooden containers on a Singapore-registered freighter, the Northstar, when it docked in Hamburg last Thursday. The containers were loaded in the Lebanese port of Tripoli.

Rushdie goes into hiding

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In an unprecedented statement carried yesterday by the official Iranian news agency, Khomeini said Rushdie "and all those involved in (the book's) publication who (were) aware of its content, are sentenced to death."

A senior Iranian cleric, Hassan Sanai, offered \$1 million reward today to anyone who killed Rushdie, Iranian state television reported.

It quoted Sanai as saying his charity, the June Fifth Foundation, would pay the money to "anyone who would punish this mercenary of colonialism for his shameful act."

Elite Revolutionary Guards proclaimed their readiness today to carry out Khomeini's order to kill the author and publishers of The Satanic Verses.

Police were guarding the premises of Rushdie's publishers and his home. But the author did not answer his telephone and it appeared he was not there. Newspapers reported he had gone into hiding with police protection.

Some 10,000 people demonstrated outside Britain's embassy in Tehran today in a protest against Rushdie.

Embassy staff said that some of the demonstrators had thrown stones at the building, causing minor damage.

A Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman told reporters he would call in all the ambassadors of Islamic countries and put forward a plan for united action against the novel, which many Muslims consider blasphemous.

It would include banning from the Islamic world all books by the publishers, World Press, unless they halted publication of the novel and withdrew from sale copies in the shops, he said.

The spokesman also said Pakistan would ask Britain and the United States to halt publication of the novel.



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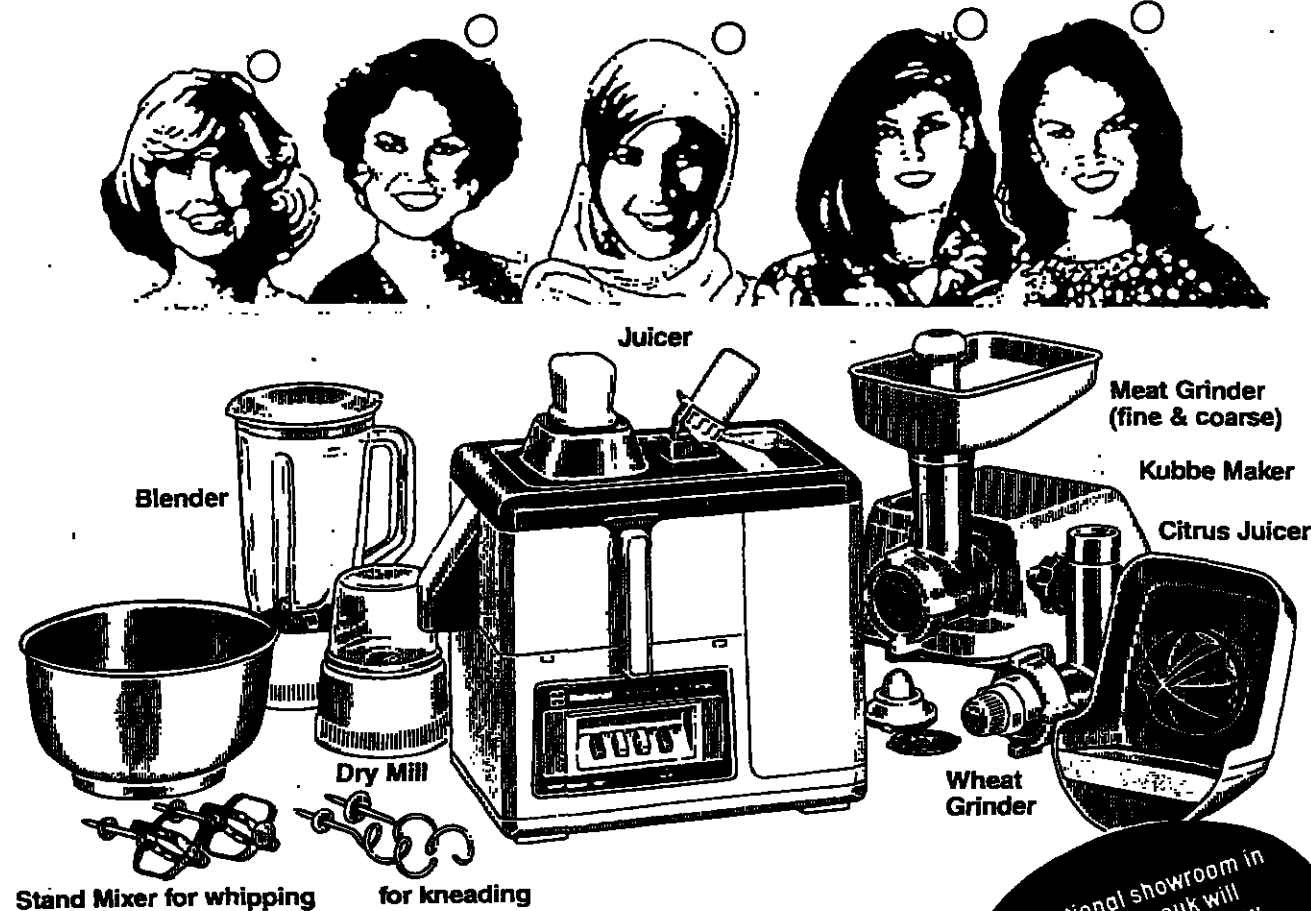
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Sri Lankans defy ...

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choose from among 1,383 candidates.

Election Commissioner Chandanada de Silva said incomplete reports indicated a 75 per cent turnout in the northeast, 70 per cent in some central areas and 60 per cent in several major towns in the south, dominated by members of the 11 million-strong ethnic Sinhalese majority and the main stronghold of the JVP.

Security forces escorted locked ballot boxes to some 600 heavily protected counting centres and vote tabulation began this evening. Final results were not expected until tomorrow morning.

The main contenders were President Ranasinghe Premadasa's United National Party (UNP) and the opposition Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) of former Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike. Seven other recognised parties were participating.

Political experts have predicted that the UNP, which won a four-fifths majority in 1977 parliamentary polls at the height of its popularity, would probably emerge with a working majority, although possibly requiring the support of smaller parties.

Attacks

Security officials said JVP rebels staged polling booth attacks, bombings, ambushes and assassinations in central and southern Sri Lanka that claimed the lives of at least 47 people, including security personnel, election staffers, UNP and SLFP supporters and voters. At least 27 other people were injured.

The victims included Colombo City Council member Jayantha Mallamaratchi, whose father is a UNP member of parliament. Police said Mallamaratchi was travelling in a vehicle and was killed by gunfire looted from a passing car.

At least seven radicals were killed by security forces during firefights or raids on polling centres, officials said. They said that in many areas, JVP members burned or stole ballot boxes, delaying or forcing a cancellation in voting.

Last Soviet soldier quits

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Najib government collapses.

The rebels claimed there was heavy fighting today around a former Soviet air base north of Kabul.

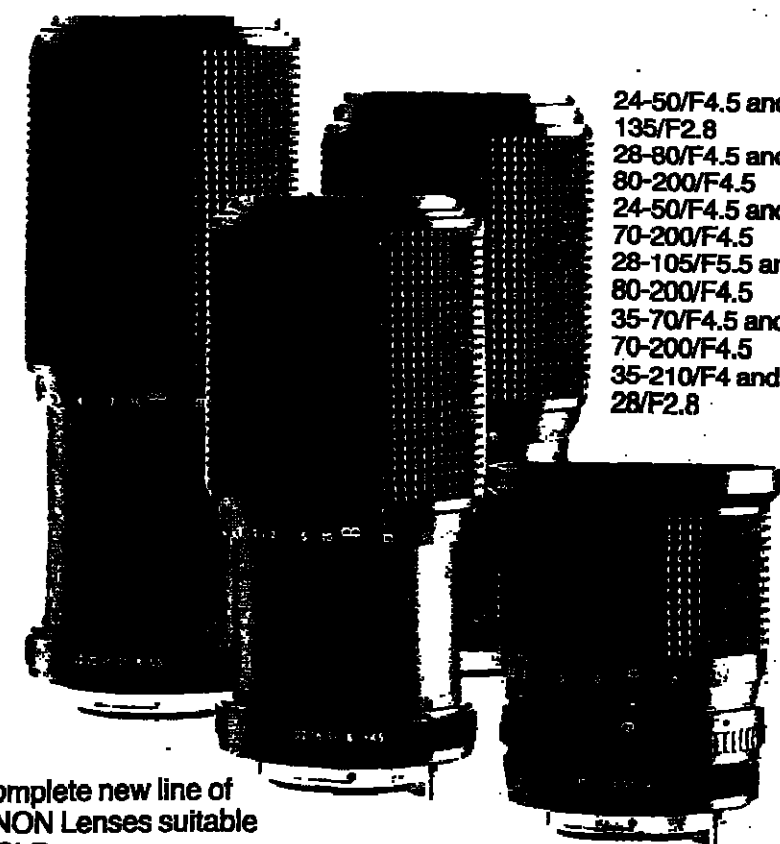
A spokesman for the Pakistan-based Jamiat-i-Islami said 155 Afghan government soldiers and 10 officers in an attack on Saturday on the huge Bagram airbase, 24 miles (40 kilometres) north of the capital.

Missiles

The Afghan government has reinforced with Scud missiles its defence of the country's second city, Jalalabad, a rebel mujahedeen news organisation said today.

US Secretary of State James Baker called on the Soviet Union to help in the reconstruction of Afghanistan.

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Two more Recruit executives held

TOKYO, Feb. 15. (Reuters): Prosecutors today arrested two more executives of the Recruit group at the heart of a share scandal that has rocked Japanese government and business in recent months. NHK Television reported.

The television said the managing director of the Recruit parent company Shunjiro Mamiya and a director of its subsidiary Recruit Cosmos Seichi Tateoka had been arrested on suspicion of violating the securities law.

The Tokyo prosecutor's office declined to comment on the affair, but said the details as given by the publicly-funded television network were correct. Kyodo news agency and other television stations reported that a former Labour Ministry official and several other Recruit executives were also being ques-

tioned at the prosecutor's office in connection with the scandal. Prosecutor's office officials declined to comment on the reports.

Target

There has been widespread speculation that the labour and education ministries would be the next target for investigations into the affair.

The scandal, in which Recruit is accused of handing out lavish gifts and contributions to more than 100 public figures, has already forced three cabinet ministers to resign.

Four people, including the former chairman of Recruit Hiromasa Ezoe and two former executives of Japan's telecommunications giant NTT, were arrested on Monday on suspicion of bribery in the case.

The two former NTT



Shunjiro Mamiya

executives bought shares in the Recruit Cosmos company before they were publicly listed.

NHK reported yesterday that the four had confirmed the share deals, but denied they amounted to bribery.

Selected public figures who bought the Recruit Cosmos shares were able to make huge profits after they were floated in 1986.

India ends fight with Union Carbide

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15. (Reuters): India's bitter four-year fight with the Union Carbide Corporation ended today with both sides claiming victory in the compensation case for survivors of the Bhopal gas disaster that killed 3,300 people.

A packed Supreme Court heard Chief Justice R.S. Pathak order US-based Union Carbide to pay \$425 million and its Indian subsidiary, Union Carbide India, \$45 million.

The \$470-million payment must be deposited at the office of the Supreme Court registrar by March 23, Pathak said at the final hearing on the world's worst industrial disaster.

"This settlement shall finally dispose of all past, present and future claims... All such claims and causes of action whether within or outside India of Indian citizens... are hereby extinguished," he said on behalf of a five-judge bench.

Pathak also ordered the quashing of all cases concerning the disaster, caused by a leak of methyl isocyanate from a Union Carbide pesticides plant into Bhopal on Dec 3, 1984.

The decision was accepted with jubilation by Union Carbide lawyers at the court, quiet resignation by the Indian plaintiffs and emotions ranging from concern to anger by the survivors in Bhopal. Bhopal is capital of central Madhya Pradesh state.

"It is definitely a victory for Union Carbide. They got away lightly... no liability was fixed and that is good for their corporate image, I suppose," said lawyer Seita Vaidyalingam.

Union Carbide lawyers appeared to share her views, with one saying the judgement did not consider apportioning blame for the disaster.

The company has always denied liability on the grounds that it neither directly owned nor operated the plant. It has also accused an unnamed employee of the plant of deliberately having caused the disaster. India rejects the charge.

"This was a compromise, a settlement. Liability was not an issue in the end," said Union Carbide lawyer William Krohley.

Krohley's contention was angrily dismissed by India's Attorney-General, K. Parasaran.

"This is not a compromise. It is an order by the Supreme Court, an order by the Supreme Court," said a Union Carbide lawyer.

Ageing people will strain Third World

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 15. (AP): A population explosion among old people will severely strain society in the Third World because there will be proportionally fewer working people to support them, says a UN report.

"The ageing of populations will proceed more rapidly in the developing regions than it did in the developed ones and will involve larger absolute numbers," said the report by Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

The report predicts a six-fold increase in the number of people over 60 in the period 1950-2025, from 200 million to 1.2 billion, with 71 per cent of them living in the Third World by 2025.

The total population of the world is expected to increase from 5.1 billion in 1988 to 8.46 billion in 2025.

By 2025, the aged will constitute 14 per cent of the world's population, up from eight per cent in 1950.

"Meanwhile, across the world, a contracting working population will have to support an expanding non-working one" of children and the elderly, the report said.

Battle over control of eastern sector

Rival Christians fight in Beirut

BEIRUT, Feb. 15. (Reuters): Lebanon's Christian Army troops and hardline Christian militiamen fought each other in the streets of east Beirut today, killing or wounding scores of people, police said.

Casualties from the fighting which had raged through the night lay helpless as artillery and tank fire kept ambulances on the edge of the battles.

Residents covered in their homes as several buildings blazed unattended with firemen forced to stay clear of the area by the ferocity of the fighting.

Witnesses said troops loyal to Army commander Major-General Michel Aoun and hardline Christian Lebanese Forces (LF) militiamen each launched counter offensives to try to wrest control of several residential areas in Christian east Beirut.

The thunder of exploding shells shook the capital and church bells in Christian east Beirut were rung at dawn in

protest at the bitter fighting, the heaviest in east Beirut since 1986.

Witnesses said fighting surged through the streets of the residential areas in southern Maten east of the city and along 25 km of coast road linking Beirut to the north.

Casualties

Police had no final casualty toll but said scores of people were killed or wounded in the fighting which erupted yesterday evening and raged through the night.

The Sunni Muslim Voice of the Homeland radio said eight LF militiamen had been killed.

Political sources said senior Army, LF, and Christian religious officials made contact during the night in a vain attempt to halt the fighting.

"It is very hard to stop the fighting now. Only God knows what is going to happen," said one political source in east Beirut.

"The fighting is very intense."

We haven't slept all night. Shelling is coming from all directions. We are hiding in corridors," a resident of east Beirut said by telephone.

Security sources said Army troops with tanks were fighting to gain strategic areas so the military could control east Beirut and the main coastal highway to the north.

But no major territorial gains were reported on the ground where both sides were fighting only metres apart.

"Who is benefitting from these bloody battles? We urge you to stop the fighting before the wound becomes too deep to heal," the Christian Voice of Lebanon radio station said.

Ambush

Witnesses said streets were deserted apart from Army and militia vehicles, hooded gunmen or helmeted troops. Tanks were rumbling down the coastal highway as the Army brought in rein-

forcements from barracks.

Military sources said the clashes erupted after LF gunmen ambushed a jeep carrying five soldiers on the Montverdi Road northeast of Beirut yesterday, killing one and wounding four.

Shortly afterwards, militiamen set up checkpoints and barricades in the streets.

Relations between the Army and the LF, both struggling for the control of Christian areas, have been strained over the past two years when the LF emerged as a challenge to the Army.

But they recently forged a temporary alliance to face their Syrian-backed Muslim rivals on the other side of the Green Line which divides the capital into Christian and Muslim halves.

Aoun leads some 15,000 mainly Christian troops. His cabinet rivals a Muslim-led one backed by some 15,000 mostly Muslim soldiers allied to Syria which has 25,000 troops in Lebanon.

Arab Maghreb summit put off by one day

ALGIERS, Feb. 15. (Reuters): The five-nation North African summit scheduled to open in the south Moroccan city of Marrakesh today, has been postponed until tomorrow, the official Algerian news agency APS said.

The agency, quoting what it described as an authorised Moroccan source, gave no reason for the delay.

The Algerian agency said the heads of state of Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia would hold an informal meeting in Marrakesh today before the actual summit.

The three-day summit is to decide on the shape of a Maghreb union designed as a common market or free trade bloc.

Threat

After consultations in Tunis with Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and Colonel Muammar Khaddafi of Libya, Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali left early today for Marrakesh, the Tunisian news agency TAP said.

Chadli and Khaddafi, who travelled together from Tunis to

the west Algerian town of Bousfer near the Moroccan border yesterday, were expected in Morocco in the early afternoon.

Although no details of the talks have emerged, the surprise flurry of diplomatic activity led to speculation Khaddafi might have threatened to stay at home.

However, the official Algerian news agency APS reported that both men would arrive in Morocco together.

The Moroccans say the five leaders are coming to the "constituent summit of the United Arab Maghreb." APS said in a commentary they would sign the "birth certificate of the Grand Arab Maghreb."

The union will group 62 million people from Mauritania's Atlantic coast to Libya's eastern border but it is not yet clear how far they will go towards integration.

Tunisia has prepared a draft treaty for a Maghreb Arab Union but at a preparatory meeting in Tunis last week, ministers differed on the institutions they should set up.

Israel morally weak before Palestinians

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 15. (Reuters): Right-wing Israeli minister Ariel Sharon said that Israel had become morally weak and remained silent while a Palestinian state was being formed before its very eyes.

In the northern Golan Heights meanwhile Arabs staged an annual strike and marched to protest against Israeli annexation of the strategic plateau in 1981. But the day passed without violence unlike in previous years.

Sharon, a former defence minister now in charge of trade and industry, told right-wing parliamentarians that a secret militia of extremist Jewish settlers was operating against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank.

Reality

"Israel is weak today — not economically, not militarily, she is weak morally — there is no help for it."

He said: "The main problem that I see is that a Palestinian state is being formed before our very eyes with its capital in East Jerusalem. People say I should not say this, that it is not good to

say that Jerusalem is divided.

"I would accept this if I saw a tiny step toward improving the situation, but it is impossible to just sit in silence and accept this approach," he added.

Sharon masterminded Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon aimed at uprooting Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) bases in southern Lebanon, and has strongly criticised Israel's handling of a 14-month Palestinian uprising as weak.

Deputy Army Chief of Staff Major General Ehud Barak denied allegations by two leftist parliamentarians that a secret militia of extremist Jewish settlers was operating against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank.

"I know of no settlers' militia," participants quoted him as telling parliament's foreign affairs and defence committee.

The two legislators this week asked Israel's attorney general to investigate what they said was an illegal armed militia among right-wing settlers of the West Bank.

Israelis and Palestinians hold secret meeting

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 15. (Reuters): Israeli parliamentarians and pro-PLO Palestinian leaders have met secretly in Jerusalem, saying it was one of a series to understand Jewish and Arab political positions better.

The seven participants, who included the Labour Party's Haim Ramon, Yair Tsaban of the left-wing Mapam and leading PLO sympathiser Faisal Husseini, refused to discuss their talks.

But they said the meeting was the second of its sort at the Notre Dame Hotel — the exact point of division between Jewish West and Arab east Jerusalem — and would be followed by others.

"I am sure we will see in the near future intensive and more frequent series of meetings between various Israeli important political figures and leaders from the West Bank and Gaza Strip who identify themselves with the PLO," Tsaban told Reuters.

Husseini said: "It was a meeting like others we have done before, and we will go on with such meetings in the future. From my side I think of meeting more and more Israelis and talking to them."

Tsaban said a similar meeting took place in January. "Every such meeting is an exchange of views about the situation, the initiatives, in the international arena," he said.

"It is so delicate and so important for us, we want to contribute, we have tried to keep it secret."

Israel has banned contact with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, but pursued contacts with local Palestinian leaders in an attempt to bypass the PLO, which it considers a terrorist organisation bent on Israel's destruction.

Local pro-PLO Palestinians have been careful in their contacts with Israelis not to appear as if they were negotiating in place of the Tunis-based PLO.

Some of the Israelis and Palestinians who met yesterday have taken part in European Middle East conferences with PLO officials this year.

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Mubarak may visit Kuwait February 25

KUWAIT, Feb 15, (KUNA): Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed today welcomed a planned visit to Kuwait by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

"We welcome our brother, President Mubarak at any time," Sheikh Sabah told reporters in reference to a visit here by Mubarak late this month while on his way back from a trip to Japan.

Sheikh Sabah would not specify when the Egyptian President would arrive here, but well-placed sources said Mubarak was due in Kuwait on February 25.

Stage I of Ghazali bridge project opened

STAGE I of the Ghazali bridge project linking the 4th Ring Road in the south up to Shuwaib port was inaugurated yesterday.

Speaking to a local daily, Riyad Hiboshi, project engineer said that only Stage I presently is operational. Stage II will be operational in a few weeks and a comprehensive project inauguration will follow thereafter.

The bridge is 1,850 metres long and has four ramps tying it to the road network at ground level.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Lieut Col Mustafa Juma of the Public Relations Department at the General Traffic Department and construction engineers and supervisors from the Ministry of Public Works.

Road safety symposium

THE Road Safety Society organised a symposium last Monday under the title: "The Scientific Approach to Raise Public Traffic Awareness", at which the Editor-in-chief of Al Rai Al Aam daily Hamad Jaseem Al Saeed and Dr Kafiya Ramadan of Kuwait University were the main speakers.

Saeed delivered a speech in which he underscored the important role played by the information media in raising public awareness in general and in stepping up public respect for traffic rules.

Contribution

He highlighted the various channels through which the Kuwaiti press could actively contribute to efforts exerted to reduce the number of road accidents.

He stressed the need for sponsoring research in this field to identify various sustained through road accidents and determine scientific requirements for solving this problem.

Dr Kafiya Ramadan then shed light on the gravity of the traffic problem and its serious repercussions on society in Kuwait, which claim heavy losses in lives and money.

She pointed out that the annual cost of traffic accidents in Kuwait stood at KD123 million and that a total of 331 lives were lost in road accidents on annual basis, according to statistics of 1988.

Accidents

A tragic accident involving two cars which collided in the Ahmedi area, resulted in the death of the driver of one of the cars and the death of a passenger in the other. Three persons died in 13 traffic accidents in various parts of the country.

There were a total of 21 road accidents in different governorates during the past 24 hours: Four occurred in the Capital, two in Hawalli, 10 in Ahmedi and five in Jahra.

Egyptian delegation

THE Undersecretary at the Ministry of Interior, Major General Yousef Badr Al Khorafi yesterday received at his office a delegation of the Egyptian police academy.

The delegation was headed by the director of the academy Major-General Farouk Al Qasas accompanied by the Director of Higher Studies Institute at the Egyptian Academy Major-General Omar Adas the Director-General of the Kuwait Police Academy Col Abdullah Hamza Al Roum.

Talks centred on matters of mutual interest after which Khorafi presented a memorial shield to the visitors.

Indian examinations

A PRESS release from the Indian embassy in Kuwait states that B.A./B.Com, Part I, II and III supplementary examination of Delhi University will be held at the Indian embassy premises on Feb 20 at 6.30 pm. All candidates registered should report on time.

Arab-Iranian relations will improve: Nawaf

DOHA, Feb 15, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Sabah said today that Arab-Iranian relations will improve in the near future.

Sheikh Nawaf told Qatari 'Al Raya' newspaper that Kuwait is eager to strengthen relations with Iran for the interest of the region.

The defence minister said he hopes Iraq and Iran will reach an agreement in their UN sponsored direct negotiations so that both countries can live peacefully.

Concerning the Kuwaiti policy of armament, Nawaf stressed that Kuwait follows the policy of diversifying its arms sources.

Sheikh Nawaf hailed his recent visit to Qatar which came in response to an invitation by Qatari Crown Prince and Defence Minister Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, adding that it aimed at boosting co-operation between Gulf Co-operation Council countries.

During his visit to Qatar, which was concluded yesterday, Sheikh Nawaf met with the



Sheikh Nawaf

Qatari Amir Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani.

Daily 'Al Raya' said that Sheikh Nawaf emphasised the necessity and importance of co-ordination between GCC states to realise more integration between their peoples.

Referring to the recent visit of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to Iraq, Sheikh Nawaf said that the visit resulted in fruitful and positive results.

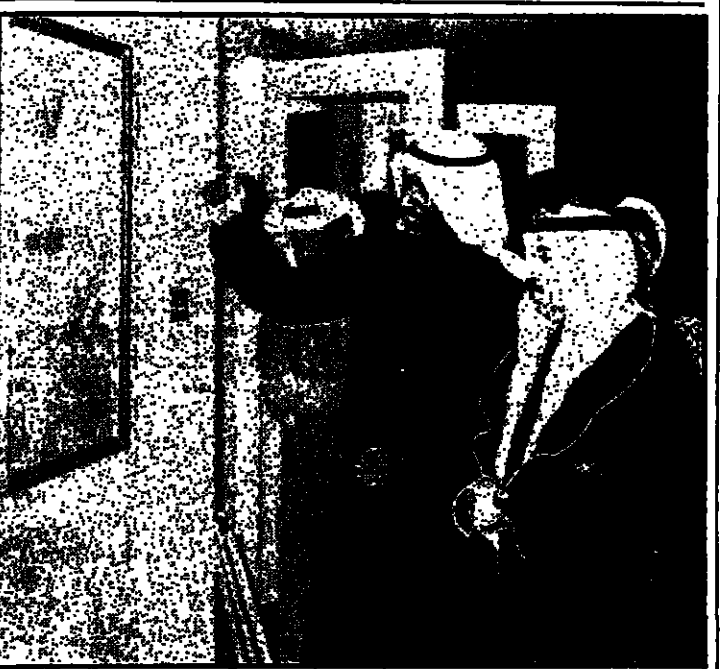
Higher Planning Council discuss budget deficit

A JOINT meeting of the Ministerial Financial and Economic Committee and the Economic Committee of the Higher Planning Council was held as per directives of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem.

Fuad Mulla Hussein, the secretary-general of the Higher Planning Council said that the meeting was held to discuss ways to solve problems of deficit in the state budget.

Another meeting will be held next month to continue studying comments of the report. The report includes general trends towards guiding public spending — especially on major state projects.

The social service committee of the council will hold a meeting next Tuesday to discuss a report on ways to support efforts to fight narcotics and to establish an authority for the purpose. The meeting will host ministers of Interior, Finance and Justice.



An artist explaining a painting to Farouk Al Omar, director of the National Council of Arts and Culture who opened the exhibition.

Freshness of spring at Kuwaiti art exhibition

By Fathima Ahmed

A NEW generation of Kuwaiti artists are attempting to inject bold ideas and take a fresh look at contemporary topics like the freedom of words and deeds and the tumultuous world around them.

There is the freshness of spring in the paintings of the five Kuwaiti artists, aged 20 to 25, that went on show at an exhibition which opened yesterday at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery.

The artists — Amber Walid, Ali Al Jasseem, Rasheed Al Qattaf, Eisa Al Alban, Nabil Falaichawi and Amal Mohammad Shuaib — are showing their work for the first time.

Themes

Only the water-colours of Ali Al Jasseem hold on to history. Jasseem plays with the sea and the sand theme, blending the past with the present in his series of paintings detailing the surroundings that are a part of Kuwait's heritage.

The others dabble in contemporary art, fusing abstract, surrealist and impressionist styles. Bold ideas and courageous themes are splashed on the canvas in muted colours. Their approach is fresh, pleasing and courageous. Their work contrasts sharply with the other known-names in the art circles of Kuwait.

Jeopardy

Unlike their peers, who used inherent desert gold, brown, beige, red and green, these youngsters use subtle colours — pinks, blues and lilac — to talk about contemporary problems. They are more aware of the changing times and discuss topical themes.

Humanity seems to be drowning in despair in the promising work of Eisa Al Alban, a 20-year-old art student. A udy painting,

done in muted blues, shows a girl and her doll sinking deeper into the sea with an azure blue skyline encompassing her as clouds cover the moon.

The "uprising" is the theme of Nabil Falaichawi's paintings. The most striking work — a stone hung, wrapped in white — is the simplistic, but indepth, appraisal of the Palestinian dilemma.

Symbolism

Amber Walid is worried about the tension in the region and shows its vulnerability by symbolically trapping horses trying to break free, with the desert in the background. There is movement and rhythm in Amber's works.

Amal Mohammad Shuaib, a 19-year-old student, talks about Arab women and her role in traditional homes and society. She claims to be the first Kuwaiti artist to experiment with collages, some rather disturbing, which speak of the restricted role of women in Arab society. There is an urge to break free in her works.

In one collage a woman, a symbol often used by Amal, looks away from the world with her lips and brain sewn with clips. Tears, symbolised by sparkling diamonds, fall into a gloved hand.

"The aim of this exhibition is to discover new artists to continue the art culture that has grown over the years in Kuwait," said Abdul Hadi Al Wotayan, director of the fine arts department at the National Council of Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL).

"We felt there was a need to encourage upcoming young artists," Wotayan said.

The paintings of Alban and Amal will be shown in Germany and other art shows in Europe.

Iranians ready to defend homeland: Khamenei

Iraq accuses Iran of preparing for war

MANAMA, Feb 15, (UPI): Iraq accused Iran yesterday of still preparing for war six months after a UN-sponsored ceasefire, and Iran said that while it does not welcome renewed hostilities, it will not tolerate continued Iraqi occupation of its territory.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz made the remarks in the Jordanian capital of Amman, where he is holding talks with his counterparts from Egypt, North Yemen and Jordan.

Iranian President Ali Khamenei said in the Caspian province of Mazandaran yesterday that his country did not welcome war, "but this does not necessarily mean that our people will tolerate for long the enemy's presence of Iranian soil."

Ready

Iran charges Iraq of still occupying hundreds of square kilometres of Iranian border territory captured during the last phases of fighting last year. Both sides halted hostilities before signing a UN-sponsored ceasefire Aug 20.

Khamenei said: "The Iranian people and combatants are quite ready to defend by all means their Islamic homeland," Iran's

Islamic Republic News Agency IRNA quoted him as saying.

Aziz blamed Iran for lack of progress in peace talks, and said he had presented UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar with a list of Iraqi territories Iran occupied during the eight-year conflict, until Iraqi armies finally retook them.

Peace talks between the two neighbours stalled last November and the UN has tried since then to get both sides talking to each other again.

"The Iranian side does not seem to be fully prepared yet to reach an overall solution" to the Gulf war, Baghdad Radio quoted Aziz as saying, adding: "They are still preparing for war."

Aziz said peace talks with Iran, including a meeting in New York last week in the presence of De Cuellar, "have not produced any progress," the state-run radio reported.

Claim

Iran says Iraq should withdraw its forces from occupied Iranian territory as a quid pro quo for substantive talks as specified in UN Resolution 598. Iran accepted the resolution last summer, a year after Iraq.

But Iraq insists Iran give up its pre-war claim to half the Shatt Al Arab waterway, which forms the Iraq-Iranian border in the Northern Gulf.

Two months ago, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein accused Iran of massing troops on the front, and asked Tehran to withdraw them or face the consequences.

Tense

Gulf-based UN diplomats said the situation along the 750-mile (1,200-km) Iran-Iraq border remained tense, but there were indications of fewer troop movements this month compared to January.

The diplomats said they were not satisfied with the slow progress of peace talks, but pointed out that both sides have gradually begun exchanging prisoners of war again.

On Monday, Iran announced it would hand over to the Red Cross next week some 260 sick and wounded Iraqi prisoners of war so that they can be flown home. Iraq last month released 255 sick, disabled and elderly Iranian POWs.

Both sides are still holding about 100,000 POWs from the conflict.



Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah held a lunch banquet today in honour of a delegation of editors-in-chief of Saudi newspapers, currently visiting Kuwait. The lunch, held at Dana restaurant was attended by the Saudi Ambassador, Abdullah Al Sudairi, Ministry Undersecretary, Abdul Aziz Jafar and Kuwaiti editors-in-chief and newsmen.

Road projects in Kuwait cost nearly KD164 million

AN OFFICIAL source at the Ministry of Public Works confirmed that the roads engineering department at the ministry is keen to follow up the implementation of expressways and main roads in the country.

In an interview with a local daily he said that the road projects cost the ministry nearly KD164 million during the current fiscal year.

In addition to sewage projects and other services at residential areas, the department is currently engaged in several road projects like the Ghazali expressway, Fintas centre roads, the Sixth Ring express roads and a number of new causeways.

The department is also designing road projects at areas which have been recently organised by the municipality.

In a related development, the Chief Engineer of the Health Engineering Department at the

Ministry of Public Works, Ali Abbas Al Abdullah said that the department has completed maintenance and construction work for sewage connections at Doha, Farwaniya, Sulabikhat, Salamiya, Nuzha, and Shurwaikh at a total cost of KD750,000.

The department will complete other sewage projects at Hawalli, Yarmouk, Raiba, Surra, Fahad and Shaab very soon.

Sewage

He stated that the Ministry of Public Works has finished the design of the general structure plan for sewage in Kuwait. The project aims at evaluating Kuwait's current sewage projects excluding Failaka projects, preparing suggestions on required works to improve the project and to overcome current sewage problems. Preparations costs for the project are estimated at KD410,000, Abdullah added.

One magazine per 2.7 million Arab children, says official

DR ABDUL Hamid Al Hilali of the Education and Psychology Department at the College of Basic Education, delivered a lecture on the college's premises in Adaliya last Monday, entitled "The Content of Press Directed to Children of the Arab World."

He drew a comparison between existing Arab press publications and that of the western world, in which he highlighted the immensity of material support rendered by the West to journalism and the press. The current press publications in the Arab world barely meet the educational needs of children

who constitute 43 per cent of the total Arab population, Hilali said.

He added that the total child population in the Arab world is 72 million. Statistics show that, on average, only one magazine for every 2,700,000 children is issued.

He questioned the subject matter of these publications, stressing the importance of monitoring such publications to ensure that they provide scientific, religious and moral guidance, in line with approved educational standards.

Health awareness important: Mumen

DR HUSSAIN Al Mumen, head of Health Awareness Section at the Ministry of Public Health speaking at a symposium on comprehensive health, mental and social child care, emphasised the importance of public awareness in developing the country's health services and called for conducting medical tests of those planning to get married.

He also called upon pregnant mothers to visit doctors and stressed the importance of vaccinations for children. He also urged mothers to breastfeed their children.

Loyalty

Dr Hadad, another speaker at the symposium said that citizens should be instilled with a sense of loyalty to the country. Children should be given their chance to develop their personalities and self-esteem.

The director of the child assessment and education centre, Faten Bader warned against paralyzing children's education. She said educational failure is linked directly to social problems.

Meeting

A MEETING between representatives of 35 co-operative societies and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour will be held next week.

The aim of the meeting is to discuss a project aimed at linking the ministry and the co-operative societies via computers. The computerised operations will provide full data of workers and shares of the co-operatives along with information on the branches of co-operatives.

Reactions to imposition of service fees

RESIDENTS and officials reacted differently towards a number of decisions issued recently imposing fees on some services.

According to law makers, such fees levied on the public are intended to rationalise and appreciate the use of such services.

A local daily conducted a poll to highlight the views of a number of officials and residents.

Generally speaking, everybody agreed that the fees should be linked to implementing the quality of services.

Abdul Latif Al Meghim, assistant undersecretary for financial affairs at the Ministry of Health, said that the government provides citizens and residents with many services. He added

that the ministry is keen to provide residents with latest advancements in the field of medicine.

According to ministry statistics, the individual share of health services for the fiscal year 1985-86 was KD47 rising to KD107 in 86-87.

This sudden increase directly affected the government budget, coupled with the harsh conditions which the country passed through during the past few years. Officials were forced to look for new financial resources and rationalise spending.

Meghim favours the decision made regarding fees, as far as these services are real and provided to ensure quality for residents and citizens. He stated

that the decision has many positive effects but fees should not be too heavy.

Dr Abdullah Al Fahed, dean of students affairs at Kuwait University believes that imposing fees on some services is an important step, but should be accompanied with improvements. He pointed out that utilities used by beneficiaries will lead to large government savings. Fees should be reflected on the level of services and utilities.

However, a large section of residents said that most society members belong to middle and limited income classes. They believe that imposing fees on some services will constitute a big burden on those who totally depend on salaries.

Major breakthrough for effective cancer cure: BMB report

A MAJOR breakthrough has been made which could finally lead to a lasting and more effective cure for cancer according to a report issued to the Bahrain Medical Bulletin (BMB). A new medicine has been discovered by one of Britain's leading scientists which may be the answer to cure all forms of cancer without causing any pain and other effects and damaging the general health system of the patient concerned.

Professor Kenneth Barshlow, head of medical oncology of Cancer Research Campaign Laboratory at Charing Cross Hospital, in London, discovered the 'ADEPT' system (Anti-body directed enzymes through drug therapy) over a period of research conducted with a team of scientists and doctors.

Dr Mohammed Jaffer Al Bareeq, editor-in-chief of BMB, who received the report from the laboratory, revealed to the Arab Times in an exclusive interview that the new medicine is composed of half anti-body and half enzyme.

Attack

"This is a cancer killing pro-drug. Once it is injected into the patient's blood stream the drug attaches to the enzyme and once in contact with the infected cancer cell attacks and destroys it," said Dr Bareeq, explaining the treatment process of the new medicine.

He stressed that the drug will only attack and destroy the cancer cells without harming the other normal cells in the body.

According to the report the new drug has been successfully tested as a preliminary experiment in an animal. Cancer cells were transplanted into the body of the creature leading to an eventual infliction of the disease. The 'ADEPT' system was subsequently used in the affected animal and cancer was found to be completely cured. The first clinical test on a human with the new medicine is said to be scheduled for the end of this year.

Experiment

According to Dr Bareeq, based on the successful results of the animal experiment with the new cancer killing drug, logically the test should prove successful on a human cancer patient.

"According to the finding there is no reason to believe that the 'ADEPT' system will not work on a human. Should the test on human be positive it will be the ultimate and safest cure for cancer and a milestone in medical history," commented Dr Bareeq.

The editor-in-chief of BMB said that there are three or four conventional forms of treatment for cancer namely, surgical, radiotherapy and drugs. Treatment by drugs poses the problem of killing cancer as well as the normal cells in the patient's body, consequently leading to nausea, pain and other discomforts affecting the general health system of the body.

Conventional drugs

"Conventional drugs are not safe in the long run. The patient faces the odds of not completely recovering. This is the dilemma faced by the medical profession in curing cancer. In fact the loss of normal cells in the body could damage the functioning of the bone marrow, thereby causing death to the patient. Hopefully the answer to alleviate this problem will be the new medicine," said Dr Bareeq.

At present cancer is the number two killer disease in the world, after AIDS. At this stage with the use of existing forms of cancer treatments patients have only 50 per cent chance of survival of the middle stage of the disease and only 20 per cent at the late stage.

US ambassador to Saudi Arabia resigns

WASHINGTON, Feb 15, (AP) — The

American ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Walter L. Cutter, has sent his resignation to Washington and will leave his post at the end of March, well-informed sources said yesterday.

Cutter, 57, arrived in August for his second posting in the kingdom, replacing Ambassador Hume Horan who had been recalled for "consultations."

No reason for Horan's abrupt departure was disclosed at the time.

Cutter, a career diplomat since 1957, previously had served in

Saudi Arabia for three years, ending his tour in 1984.

He also had served as ambassador to Tunisia and Zaire. His last job before returning to Saudi Arabia last year was a diplomatic residence at Georgetown University in Washington.

The sources, who insisted on not being identified further, said Cutter plans to retire from the foreign service to become head of Meridian House, a Washington-based private organisation which deals with international educational exchange programmes.

Farmers should benefit from loans, says official

RASHEED Al Nafisi, chairman of the board of Kuwait Farmers Union, has expressed reservations regarding barring some farmers from obtaining agricultural loans.

Such prevention will force the farmers to rely on their own financial resources and ultimately affect the overall bulk of agricultural production, he said.

He was against not allowing qualified farmers to benefit from loans offered by Kuwait Indus-

trial Bank from its agricultural financial portfolio.

He told a local daily that loans should be equally distributed to qualified farmers, and urged the bank's administration to extend all possible facilities towards farmers facing difficulties in sponsoring production projects.

Nafisi appreciated the bank's intention to offer seasonal loans to improve farm operations and financially help farmers fund seasonal projects.

Public administration reform is a political undertaking: lawyer

AT A seminar held at Kuwait Graduate Society, lawyer Hamad Al Jasseem said that administrative reforms are connected with political decisions.

He added that calls to reform the administrative staff as early as 1960 until the present failed to achieve their goals. He said: "There are some people in the public sector who put barriers to prevent reorganisation to preserve their posts."

A lot of studies have been

undertaken during the last 25 years to reform public administration. Unfortunately, none of the recommendations of the studies have been implemented due to a lack of political will.

The reformation of public administration is a political undertaking. The "rank-tank" personnel have accomplished their duties towards this problem and it is now the duty of politicians to implement these decisions, Jo'an said.



FROM Dawn to Dusk the Sales Team at the Kuwait International Hotel personally distributed Valentine's Cakes and Roses to their lady reserves. The response — rousing! Seen from left to right (front): Mazen Mirie — Sales & Marketing Manager, Susan — Sales Secretary, Aziza Khan — Sales Executive, Alan Pendleton — Hospitality Manager. Standing Behind: Tawfik Dajani — Sales Executive and Jamal Serhan — Assistant Sales Manager.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Young Artists Exhibition

UNTIL Feb 23: An exhibition of paintings and drawings by Kuwaiti artists in Kuwait will be held at the Dahiya Abdullah Al Salem gallery. It will be open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm.

Kuwait Science Museum

DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - THURS: 6.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum SAT - THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House

SAT - THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

CINEMA

French Film Festival

Feb 18: Elsa Elsa (1985), directed by Didier Haudepin. 80 minutes; closes the French film festival, jointly organised by the French Cultural Centre and the Kuwait Centre. It will be shown at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium at 7.30 pm. Children not admitted.

British Council

FEB 18/19 - 6.30 pm: This month's feature film is "Unsuitable Job for a Woman", an off-beat detective story starring Pippa Guard as Cordelia Gray who takes over a detective agency after the death of her boss. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512/2533204/2533227.

MUSIC

Soul to Soul

FEB 17: A performance of Soul to Soul concert will take place at the Kuwait International Hotel, Ballroom.

FEB 22: Pianist Anthony Peebles will give a recital at 8 pm in the Terrace Room. For details of both events contact the hotel.

French Music Society

FEB 20: French pianist Roselyne Masset-Lecocq and soprano Françoise Carré will present a selection of classical and contemporary music at a concert at the Meridien Hotel. Tickets available at Meridien Hotel, Business Centre, Voltaire Institute and French Cultural Centre.

EXHIBITIONS

Children's Books of the Year '88

FEB 16: Today is the last day of the British books for children exhibition at the British Council, Mansouriya.

A story-telling session by a professional story-teller will be held on Thursday from 9.30 - 10.30 am for children — aged seven to 10; (11-12 noon) stories for children aged three to six.

Islamic Coins in Sweden

FEB 18-23: An exhibition of Islamic Coins in Sweden will be held at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiya (Islamic Arts Museum). It will be open daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm.

LECTURES

Vikings and Arabs

A series of lectures will be given by a visiting Swedish Arabist Professor Bengt Knutson. The programme is as follows:

FEB 18 (6.30 pm): A lecture in Arabic on "Early Relations between the Vikings and the Arabs One Thousand Years Ago," at the National Museum.

FEB 19 (6 pm): Lecture on Swedish Arab Relations Over the Centuries, at the Faculty Members Club, Kuwait University, Shurwaik.

FEB 20 (6 pm): A talk on Arabic and Islamic Studies at Swedish Universities, Faculty Members Club.

FEB 21 (6 pm): A lecture on Swedish-Arab Encounter and Poetry, Faculty Members Club.

FEB 22 (6 pm): A recital of Swedish poetry translated into Arabic will be held at the Kuwait Writers Association, Adeliya.

SOCIAL

KAPILKU

FEB 17 Friday: KAPILKU will hold an officers meeting at 5.30 pm, Holiday Inn. Topics to be discussed include 1989 mini-Olympics; KAPILKU night; masquerade ball and other items.

MARCH 10: The association will hold KAPILKU night at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Andalus Club, from 5 to 10 pm. A sing-alike contest and a singing competition will be held. Entrance - KD2. For details call Sarah Macarimbang. Tel: 4843447.

Charity Bazaar The Kuwait Society for the Handicapped will hold a charity bazaar at its premises, behind Andalus Cinema, Cairo Street. All proceeds will go to the care of the disabled children in Kuwait. It will be open, during working hours, for a week at the society's premises.

Flying Arrows FEB 16: The Flying Arrows Sporting Centre will celebrate

its 10th anniversary/Valentines Day at the SAS Tent. Music will be by the Stepping Stones and Perfect Strangers bands. For details contact 2432791/5721824.

Kuwait Rondels

FEB 16: The Kuwait Rondels Grand Ball '89 will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel. For reservations contact Tel: 5337597.

Goan Show

FEB 17: The Goan community will celebrate the Nehru Centenary at the IAC. Three one-act plays will be staged: (1) Bebe and Dodol, an English play; (2) Bad Luck by N.G.O.A. and (3) On Credit by the Goan Cultural Society, both plays in Konkani. Music will be by Cajetan/Marcus/Xavier. For details phone 2644983, 2413348.

Bangladesh Association

FEB 23: The association will hold a discussion followed by a cultural programme to mark the Martyr's Day (Shahid Dibosh) at the Bangladesh embassy premises in Jabriya. All Bangladeshis are invited.

Indian Dance Show

FEB 23 (6.30 pm): A well-known Indian classical dancer Dr Padma Subramanyan will give a Bharata Natya (dance-ballet) recital.

FEB 25 (6 pm): Dr Padma will give a solo-recital called "Jatya Moksham," danced to Tchaikovsky's music. The dance show is part of the Nehru Centenary celebration. Both performances will be held at the IAC, Funatiles. For entry passes contact 3904817.

FEB 25 (10 - 5 pm): The Gayathri Arts organisation for arts and sports will hold a social event to celebrate the Nehru Centenary. Indoor games and competition will be held at the Indian embassy hall.

KALPAK MARCH 3: The Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association in Kuwait (KALPAK) will hold a variety show to launch their activities. The programme will be held at the Indian embassy hall from 4.30 pm.

Kuwait Welsh Society MARCH 1 (Wednesday): St David's Day buffet-dance will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel at 8 pm. Tickets - KD 6. For reservations phone 3713467.

Gala Dinner MARCH 9: The Great Ormond Street Hospital Gala Dinner will be held at 8 pm. For details call 4831339/5393151.

British Tea Party MARCH 10: The British Tea Party/animal fun day will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel from midday with fun stalls, animal-painting competition, children's super-star contest, soccer and basketball, Leo's magic and other events. For details phone 5624111 ext 751/739.

HOTELS

At Messilah Beach

MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: Birthday Special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go".

At the Holiday Inn

Every Wednesday is "Sea Drama on Ice" in Al Dana. Enjoy fresh fish and seafood specialties.

Thursday night is Indian night featuring exotic Eastern cuisine; and listen to the music played by the Gharibian Trio.

Enjoy Arabian Night in Al Andalus Supper Club on Thursday nights.

Friday brunch — fun time for families; games, prizes. Also open to Jaycee Club members.

At the Sheraton

RICCARDO'S: Italian cuisine prepared using home-made pasta; lunch and dinner, evening entertainment by the Sienna's Duo. Closed on Fridays.

Al Hambra: Sundays: Lebanese cuisine; Tuesday's is Thai Night; Wednesdays: seafood night; musicians provide a blend of music from the East and the West.

Friday's buffet brunch while the children enjoy games in the ballroom next door.

Hunt Room: lunch and dinner, specialises in meat and fish dishes.

Le Tarbouche: offers a taste of Lebanon for lunch and dinner.

Thursdays: Arab world specialties night. Coffee Shop offers casual meals and quick lunches plus a daily special.

At the Ramada AL BENDAR coffee shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Thursday's is BBQ Night at Le Mirage Night Club, with full buffet and entertainment by the Al Arz Band.

The Friday Family Brunch introduces cartoon characters on the ship's discovery: train tour of the hotel's garden and waterfront.

The Marina Takeaway Counter features a selection of sandwiches and snacks. 4 to 11 pm.

At the Pullman ELYSEES Restaurant offers gourmet French meal; Al Shallal coffee shop features international and Arabic cuisine with live entertainment.

At the Meridien CREPE Festival at Al Wahla restaurant, until Feb 28.

Every Sunday: Mexican Night at La Brasserie. A wide selection of Mexican dishes are offered: menu includes tacos, nachos, paella and refried beans; live entertainment.

Versailles: offers a new concept in dining, featuring a selection of grilled seafood, meat or fish fondue and other dishes.

open for lunch and dinner. Businessman's lunch is also featured. Every Thursday is Jam Session at La Brasserie, featuring Remy D'Mello. Friday's, there is family fun with Oriental buffet and music.

At the Kuwait Plaza

Filipino night held every Sunday from 7 pm to 9.30 pm.

Al Dallah coffee shop: buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner; also set menu; mini-business lunch. International Food Arcade: 4 to 10 pm; ice-cream festival; light snacks served from 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Bosphorus Restaurant: Turkish cuisine, a la carte; lunch and dinner daily except Saturday.

Marco Polo Restaurant: Italian food, live music and at night candlelight dinner.

SPORTS

Five-a-Side Football

Feb 17: The Weekend Club will hold their first annual five-a-side football tournament at the Al Sour Grounds. The draw will be held on the same day. For entry forms contact M. Dias (OFF.) 2460983.

Laser Sailing

FEB 16/17: Messilah Beach open meeting: four race event over two days. All Laser sailors wishing to participate please contact David Clark: 4845171/2425947; P. Shepherd — 4841513/5314957; P. Berry — 3924174.

United Goans Centre

FEB 24: The UGC will hold their 11th annual league football tournament. The draw will be held on Feb 16. All KIFF-affiliated teams are requested to contact the organisers for registration.

Varca Sporting Centre

FEB 25: The sixth annual one day seven-a-side football festival will be held at Al Sour Grounds. The draw will be held on Feb 24, 10 am. For details contact the organisers.

Tivim Centre

MAR. 4/5: The Tivim Centre will hold its second annual one-day seven-a-side football festival at Al Sour grounds. This will be followed by their second inter-village nine-a-side football tournament, beginning April 8. For details contact organisers.

Mini Rugby

Training and games every Friday at the Ahmad ground; training starts at 10 am and mini-rugby finishes at 11.30 am. For details call Hugh McAree — 5326368 or Geoff Bennett — 5332683.

Raft Race

The third Kuwait Annual Raft Race will be held on May 26. Mens/ladies/mixed and carnival events. This year's rules and regulations are available from the Messilah Beach Hotel. The first captains' meeting will be held at the hotel on March 7 (6.30 pm).

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: cartoon serial
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.30 Variety Show
- 11.00 The Kid with 200 IQ: English feature film
- 1.00 News
- 1.05 World Today via Satellite
- 1.40 Festival of Music: directed by Hassan Sarab
- 2.30 Sports in a Week: a weekly programme focussing on local and world sports
- 4.45 Cartoons
- 5.15 Liqa Al Khamis: variety show
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.05 From People's Art
- 7.30 Show Jumping: local equestrian events
- 8.30 Ma'a Al Islam: prepared and presented by Dr Khalid Al Madhkour
- 9.00 News
- 10.00 TV Window: prepared and presented by Abdul Rahman Najjar
- 11.00 Al Fulos Wal Waboush: Arabic film, starring Mohammad Subhi, Madha Kamel, Abu Bakr Ezzat, Ahmad Rateb.
- 12.15 Akharna Lakum: "We Present..." variety show
- 1.15 News Summary
- 1.20 World Today via Satellite/ Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Cartoons
- 9.45 Children's Magazine
- 10.15 Fayez Al Tush: Arabic serial, featuring Ghanem Slaith, Abdul Aziz Jassim.
- 11.00 Ahadith Mauduwa: religious programme
- 11.15 Friday Prayer
- 12.30 Alwan: prepared by Mohammad Saeed Al Faris
- 1.00 News
- 1.05 World Today via Satellite
- 1.35 Istiraha: 2.00 We and Our Friends
- 2.15 Hadith Deeni: religious talk
- 3.00 Cultural Film
- 3.30 Cartoons
- 4.00 Kaamyaaab: Hindi feature film, starring



Peter Ustinov stars in Thursday's feature film 'Dead Man's Folly', 10.30 pm, KTV 2.

- Jeetendra, Shabana Azmi, Radha
- 6.00 Kuwait in a Week
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.15 KTV 1 Programmes preview
- 7.45 Al Usrah: "The Family," Fatima Rashid and Futooh Al Dalali discuss the role of the family in Arab society
- 8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh: weekly religious talk
- 9.00 News
- 10.00 Wrestling
- 10.45 Amstiya Al Jumaa: weekly local programme, prepared and presented by Mohammad Al Barqas
- 11.45 News summary
- 11.50 World Today via Satellite

KTV 2

- 3.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 3.07 Cartoons
- 3.25 The inauguration ceremony of Fifth World Championship for youth and the inaugural match will be between Saudi Arabia and Nigeria.
- 6.10 The Real Ghost Busters: cartoon serial
- 6.30 Fairy Tale Theatre
- 7.30 T and T: "The Latest Developments," A municipal official exploits the poor and Mr T is asked to expose him.
- 7.50 Face to Face: a local talk show on Kuwait. An interview with Ahmad Deedat.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Breaking Away
- 8.55 Big League Soccer: Brian Moore introduces this sports show on English League games
- 9.40 Weekend: local programme on news and views about Kuwait
- 10.00 The Charmings: "Lillian's Protege," Lillian is bored with the "disgusting virtuous" charming family and adopts a wicked, young protege. Comedy.
- 10.30 The Aftermath: Part 4. The prime minister is not convinced with the outcome of investigations and orders a fresh probe
- 11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/ Holy Quran/ Closedown

'Coming of Age' is the title of this week's episode on Friday at 7.30 pm, KTV 2.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Alamiya Pharmacy
Jandol Bldg., Fahad Al Salem St.
Al Mutawa Pharmacy
Awkal Bldg., Hilali St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Nasser Pharmacy
Tunis St.
Salmiya and Rumathiya
Al Fida Pharmacy
Jarallah Bldg., Khansa St.
Fahad and Ahmad
Al Adil Pharmacy
Awadhi Bldg., Dabbous St., F'heel
Khatana
Al Tawfiq Pharmacy
Raj'an Comm. Centre, South St.
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.
FRIDAY
Kuwait
Al Hafez Pharmacy
Souk Wagef, Salah Al Din St.
Al Kawther Pharmacy
Abdullah Al Mubarak St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Firdous Pharmacy
Beirut St.
Fahad and Ahmad
Al Khaleej Pharmacy
Mujammah St.
Khatana
Al Hayat Pharmacy
Al Muzain Bldg., Ibn Zuhair St.
Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
New commercial market
Salmiya and Rumathiya
Al Maidan Pharmacy
Mishari Al Khalid Bldg., Baghdad St.

PRAYERS

Fajr	5.06 am
Zuhr	12.02
Asr	3.14 pm
Maghreb	5.38
Isha	6.56
FRIDAY	
Fajr	5.05 am
Friday Prayer	12.02
Asr	3.14 pm
Maghreb	5.39
Isha	6.57

Bangladeshi competition winners announced

THE Bangladesh Association, Kuwait, has announced the winners of various competitions it had organised for the Martyr's Day (Shahid Dibosh).

The winners of the recitation competition are Sayed Saifur Rahman, Fatema Siddika and Ahsan Uddin (infant to 6 years group); Tasnuba Haque, Saif Iqbal Shah Mohammad and Farhana Haque (7-10 years); Arifa Reshmin, Rizwana Rahman and Sadia Alam (11-16 years).

The story-telling competition winners are: Amrin Hussain, Galib Bin Mohiuddin and Mir Mohd. Sharifuddin (5-10 years); Amadur Rahman, Rizwana Rahman and Arifa Reshmin (11-16 years).

The drawing contest was won by Amrin Hussain, Galib



The children who took part in the Martyr's Day competitions are pictured with the judges.

Bin Mohiuddin and Farhana Haque (5-10 years); Rizwana Rahman, Golam Farhad and Sadia Alam (11-16 years).

The winners of the essay

writing competition were Mohibul Haque, Shahriar and Sadia Alam.

The prize distribution ceremony will be held at the

Martyr's Day function on Feb 23 at the Bangladesh embassy. The first prize winners will be asked to take part in the function.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Soul to Soul (Music concert)
Al Salmiya
Arabic play
Al Hambra
Youn Mir Youm Helu (Arabic)
Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Munir
Drive-In
Ya Azizi... (Arabic)
Starring: Laila Alwi, Saeed Saleh, Osama Abbas
Al Firdous
Joshilay (Hindi)
Starring: Anil Kapoor, Sridevi, Sunny Deol, Meenakshi
Fahad Open-Air
Kanoon ke Dushman (Hindi)
Al Fahad
Humki (Bengali)
Al Jebel
Kabzaa (Hindi)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Al Khadimah (Arabic)

Al Jahra
Al Shairan Yaghna (Arabic)
Granada
A Time for Loving
Salaibkhat
Oru Muthashi Katha (Malayalam)
FRIDAY
Al Jahra
The Junkman
Granada
Tohfa Mohabbat Ka
Salaibkhat
Street Dance
Al Jebel
Mohre (Hindi)

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Thought for today

NEVER give in, never, never, never, never — Sir Winston Churchill, British statesman (1874-1965).

OPINION

Moving towards the right direction

BAGHDAD as well as Marrakesh are currently witnessing the beginnings of Arab glories.

In Baghdad, a meeting of four Arab countries, surrounded by Arab national slogans so truly loved by the Arab people, is being held.

One can easily realise that the present slogans differ greatly from the incoherent slogans that had been very abundant in the past in the Arab world. This was a period when talks on Arab unity were full of tension and even fighting.

The same applies to the meeting of the Arab Maghreb countries in Marrakesh. These are truly very important and historic meetings. The Arab performance as a whole has dramatically changed as many new channels of co-operation have been opened between Arab capitals.

Given that the number of these channels was big and they were not properly utilised — the path through which such co-operation passed during the '60s and until the mid '70s, was totally wrong. It was simply unrealistic and did not serve national interests.

Those who closely followed the slogans at the meeting of the four Arab countries in Baghdad would certainly have found it very logical and reasonable — specially in its objectivity in achieving goals.

Some of the leaders meeting in Baghdad, have passed through dangerous periods and thus are truly experienced in realising their national interests.

King Hussein lived a very long time confronting those who thought that meat can be cooked on the sun's heat and that mountains can be moved by horns of goats. For a long period, he passed through difficult times till the Arab world realised beyond doubt that his national march was true and original.

The same applies to the Iraqi president, who after achieving stability of his nation started implementing his ambitious development programme but was taken back by the war which continued for eight long years. But he came out of the war with his head high thus proving that he is a man who knows exactly what he says and what he wants.

Thus, the Baghdad meeting is the gathering of men who were moulded by their experience of difficult situations.

Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak is a man of peace, who overcame the stupidity of Arab politics which saw personal relations more important than national interests. He is the man who reopened the Arab gate for Egypt and entered through it after the failure of many who tried to cast suspicions over his patriotism and his country's nationalism.

The President of North Yemen, completing the four leaders, was the one who brought back happiness to North Yemen. The meeting of the four will add happiness to the happiness of Arabs in Marrakesh — this is where the man of North Africa, King Hassan succeeded in bringing together the Arabs.

After the improvement of the performance of its leaders, the Arab world is steadily moving towards the right direction and channels of co-operation, perhaps the most important of which is economic co-operation. The unification of economic interests, is the first step towards achieving political interests.

This is exactly what is desired from the Baghdad and Marrakesh meetings.

It must be remembered that the Arab world is fed up of only talking about unity through the songs of the late Umm Qulthoum.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Pilots should be brought down to earth

SIR: According to an Air-India official AI Flight 978 on Jan 27, '89, was delayed due to the pilot's illness, when in fact it was due to a pilot's strike.

A large number of passengers were going on emergency leave to see their dear ones, who were either seriously ill or on their death bed and the pilot's "supposed illness" seemed to be a joke and added insult to injury. The Air-India ground staff tried their best to console the passengers.

I request the Air-India management to be bold enough firstly, to admit that their crew was on strike and secondly, to take severe disciplinary action against those people who are trying to disrupt the schedule and tarnish the image of Air-India and the Indian community around the world. The crew must be thinking that since they are high fliers, they are on top of the world, but they should be brought down to earth by immediate and appropriate action by the management.

Any dispute between the management and the crew should be solved by negotiations, not by causing inconvenience to the innocent passengers, who are paying "exorbitant rates" for Air-India seats. We, the passengers expect the crew to behave in a civilised manner. They have a decent job only because the

people choose to fly with them. I hope the crew will change their course of action and spare the passengers from this great misery.

We Indians fly Air-India, not because of the "Maharaja's excellent services" but because we are patriotic. But if the Air-India management does not take any action the tolerant people may soon choose not to be exploited by a selfish uncaring group of high fliers and their management. If the situation continues to deteriorate, people will lose their patience and opt to fly other airlines forever. I expect the Air-India management and the crew to throw some light on the situation and clear the air for a peaceful travel.

Joseph P. Louis, Safat.

Negligent doctors

SIR: My father who had lived in Kuwait for the past 37 years died recently due to a massive heart attack on the way to the Mubarak Al Kabir Hospital, just two minutes drive from his residence.

His death was due to the utter negligence of the doctor who attended him at the Chest Hospital. Five days before his death, he had gone to this hospi-

tal complaining of chest pain. As he appeared normal and healthy, they did not admit him. Instead they sent him home saying his ECG was normal and that he should not take salt as his BP was slightly high. Moreover, less than 15 months ago he had a pace-maker fixed. All over the world it is a normal medical procedure to keep heart patients under observation when they complain of any chest pain. The lives of all patients are precious as my father's. If it weren't for this negligence he would be fit and alive today.

I call upon the medical authorities to see to it that this does not happen to some other unfortunate man as heart disease is one of the main causes of death in the Gulf.

Princess Ramesh, Safat.

Inaccurate reporting

SIR: We are grateful to the Arab Times for regularly publishing two Urdu pages for the benefit of the Urdu-speaking people of the sub-continent.

However, we have noted with regret that for the last several months, the standard of the Urdu section has been deteriorating and people have started to dislike it. They feel that the Urdu section is used for the propaganda of Pakistan People's Party.

By giving wrong information, the feelings of the majority of the people should not be hurt. For example, in the Pakistani by-elections Islamic Democratic Alliance emerged winner with seven National Assembly seats out of 13, whereas PPP won only four seats, but the headlines on the front page of Urdu section said both the parties were equal.

Articles and news should reflect the true picture of politics in Pakistan. PPP does not belong to the masses and the majority of the people inside and outside Pakistan dislike it.

In the recently held elections, only 16 per cent of the total registered voters in Pakistan cast their votes in favour of PPP. By reporting the correct political situation in Pakistan, Arab Times will not only enhance its reputation but also would be respected by all.

Mohammad Javid Butt, Safat.

Selected on merit

SIR: It is quite absurd for Rukshana Qadarkar to say Keralites are favoured at Indian schools in Kuwait (A.T. Jan 26-27). Indian schools select teachers purely on merit, qualifications, training and experience. According to the criteria, Malayalees come at the top because of their high

literacy IQ. Till recently, All Indian Civil Service was monopolised by them, apart from other key posts everywhere. It is ridiculous to say that in sports Malayalees are behind. P.T. Usha and many others have shown where Malayalees stand.

Malayalees put their investment and efforts to establish Indian schools in Kuwait. Now their representation in the school boards is almost nil. All the schools are controlled by north Indians, while students comprise mainly from South India. It is absolutely wrong to state that under such circumstances Malayalees are favoured.

Malayalee teachers are generally considered to be among the best, because of their flair and skill. For this reason many departments in Indian universities are headed by Keralites.

K. Vishwanath, (Address supplied).

Nothing but filth

SIR: I refer to Michael Consden's remark on my letter, "Unholy cow" (A.T. Feb 2-3).

Consden says that the people should have the "willingness to participate, and to resolve the questions raised by a script." After reading the play "The Great Celestial Cow" nearly four times, I found only one question being raised by the script — "Why has this filth



been written about ladies by a member of their own sex, Sue Townsend?

Those who have seen the play or read its script know it contains nothing but filth. Freedom of speech and action doesn't give Consden and Townsend the right to ridicule, insult and degrade a lady, whatever the nationality, with filthy language and lecherous actions.

I definitely don't like the work of Sue Townsend and I know that I am not being a helpful guide to the would-be participants. As a concerned member of an educated society, I would not like any simple lady to fall into this trap.

Dr Rakesh Asthana, Hawalli.

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Sixth and final part of the study on the changing face of China

Life appears serene for ethnic groups

By Ann Scott Tyson

BOLUO, China: At midnight, as the moon casts silver images on the shores of this quiet fishing village, aged Bai women in black tunics gather to chant Buddhist hymns and lighten their hearts of worldly suffering.

Huddled in a half circle, the women rap carved muyu (wooden fish) and shake bells in a delicate rhythm as they lift frail voices to Guanyin, the bodhisattva of compassion.

"Guanyin's ears hear no thunder, his eyes see not the world of mortals. His only desire is to read the scriptures," the Bai lyrics rise faintly over the placid Erhai Lake and into the starlit night. "In our hearts, we have a lot of feelings," confided one chattr, wearing the dark blue headress of elderly Bai women. "But after we tell them to the bodhisattva, we are blessed, and our hearts are less burdened."

Fishing, farming and worshipping among the clear lakes, emerald valleys, and red-earthen highlands of western Yunnan Province, life today appears serene for the one million Bai people, one of China's 55 minority ethnic groups.

But beneath the calm is anguish from decades of political abuse and discrimination, when the Bais and other minorities suffered perhaps the most ruinous oppression of Mao Tse-Tung's radical rule.

Just over 10 years ago, during the fanatical 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, Chinese propagandists were still forcing the Bai women of Boluo to chant praises of Chairman Mao instead of their soothing Buddhist prayers. In the 1960s, the state taught us more and more songs," said Wang Jinghui, a sturdy, broad-

faced Bai woman. "We were forbidden to sing our own chants. It was hard to bear." From a painted wooden chest, Wang removed a ragged book of official Bai folk songs with titles like "Bless Chairman Mao!" "Be grateful to the Communist Party," and "Life after the liberation is glorious."

Over the past decade of reform, Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping has moved to appease the Bais and other minorities by tolerating a revival of ethnic customs suppressed under Mao. The pragmatic Deng has promoted a semblance of autonomy for the 70 million minorities, who represent just eight per cent of China's population but inhabit strategic border areas covering two-thirds of its territory.

Yet Beijing continues to foster ethnic assimilation through education, propaganda, and the training of minority cadres. Moreover, Deng's market-oriented economic reforms raise a new threat to the survival of fragile minority cultures: the lure of modern, urban society.

The lives and heritage of Bai villagers in the lakeside hamlet of Boluo reveal how many of China's smaller minority groups are gradually losing their ethnic identity.

In ancient times, the Bais' ancestors, of Tibeto-Burman stock, established communities based on hunting, fishing, and primitive agriculture in the region of present-day Yunnan, which borders Laos, Burma and Vietnam.

Like the Tibetans, Mongols, and other peoples living on the edge of Chinese civilisation, these early Bais battled for centuries against domination by ethnic Chinese, or Hans, who



A Bai couple, members of one of China's 55 minority groups, go to market in Yunnan province.

expanded their domain outward from the Yellow River Valley.

For more than 1,000 years beginning in the 2nd century A.D., Yunnan was free of Chinese control. From the 8th to 12th centuries, the Bais formed two powerful kingdoms, the Nan Zhao, or southern principality, and the Dai, more than once repelling armies of the Tang Dynasty.

But in the mid-13th century, imperial troops succeeded in decimating the Bai nobility and annexing Yunnan to Chinese territory. The migration of Han settlers began implanting Chinese culture among Yunnan's "barbarians," as Hans called other ethnic groups.

Wang Zhankui, a Bai grand-

father, recalled childhood memories of fighting in the 1930s between Han farmer immigrants who settled land above Boluo village, and the Bai fisherman who lived on the lake's edge.

Superior

"The Hans felt superior to Bai people. They said we had no culture," said Wang. "On my way to school I often saw Hans beating up Bais on the streets."

After the 1949 revolution, the ideological arrogance of Chinese communists compounded age-old Han prejudices against "uncivilized" minorities. Using Marxist dogma to justify dictatorship, Red Army troops consolidated control over vast border regions like Yunnan, Tibet,

and Xinjiang. Beijing also deliberately settled large numbers of Han Chinese in areas once dominated by minorities.

In the 1950s, the government built a public road from Yunnan to Tibet that passed near our village. After that, many Hans moved here," Wang said. Fearing worse discrimination, Bai men doffed their colourful tunics and white turbans for drab Mao suits, he said, and some posed as Hans when registering under the new regime. Today, Boluo's population of 2,700 is only 20 per cent Bai, according to local officials.

Along with Han immigrants came a cadre of zealous communist officials with orders to eradicate "feudal superstition"

among the Bais. Almost immediately, the officials banned local Buddhist rituals, drama, and chanting ceremonies.

In 1958, as Mao's collectivization drive reached a peak, the village production brigade used Boluo's graceful Buddhist temple into a grain warehouse and mess hall. The huge metal drum that villagers once beat each morning to summon Buddha to breakfast was stripped of its skin head and used to steam rice.

Violence The ravage of Bai culture culminated in Cultural Revolution violence. Maoist fanatics demolished an ornate stage where Bais had performed plays for Buddhist deities, smashed and smashed "holy statues, relics, and musical instruments."

"The struggle here was fierce," said Zhao Muojia, keeper of the Buddhist temple. He said Han radicals strung Bais up by their hands, beat them, and forced them to kneel on broken shells from the lake as the campaign fired ethnic hostility.

"Hans had great scorn for Bais," said Wang's son, Jiahe. Since China's post-Mao leadership restored order and eased the repression of minorities a decade ago, life in Boluo has regained a semblance of days past.

Nimbly weaving fishing nets on the shady porch of a lakeside home, wizened Bai women chat in lively voices about Buddhist rituals, how to handle ghosts, and the proper marriage ceremony. "On days set by the moon, we put on new clothes and carry bowls of food to the temple for Guanyin," said one woman, her bamboo needle flying to and fro. "Then we beat drums and chant on into the night." The Christian Science Monitor

Twin governments cause problems, but war-weary Lebanese adapt

By Rima Saleh

BEIRUT, (AP): Retired Christian schoolteacher Rafik Helou hasn't received his state pension in nearly five months. Officials in Lebanon's dual government haven't been able to meet to approve his payments.

Helou's predicament is one effect of the latest political crisis of Lebanon's central government, a weak body in the best of times that now has been reduced to rival Christian and Muslim cabinets competing to control the country's bureaucracies and the Army.

The power struggle threatens to cement the de facto partition of Lebanon.

Many of the country's estimated 4 million people, hardened by 14 years of civil war, have taken this bureaucratic nightmare in their stride, despite three weeks of bloody fighting between rival Shiite Muslim factions in south Lebanon.

Pension State employees are still getting paid. But pensioners like Helou have suffered. The Social Security Department's board of directors has not been able to meet to endorse pension payments because Christian officials, who managed to cross into Muslim west Beirut in slightly better times, are afraid to do so now.

Helou, 64, who has a heart ailment and lives in Christian

east Beirut, said in an interview: "We need 30,000 Lebanese pounds (\$60) a month for medicines. I relied on my annual pension of 6 million pounds (\$12,000), but with two governments I can't get it."

"Fortunately my sons are providing me with the medications for the time being. But how long can this go on?"

The crisis began on Sept 22, when President Amin Gemayel's six-year term expired without a successor being named.

Minutes before he stepped down, Gemayel named his Christian Army commander, Gen. Michael Aoun, head of an interim military cabinet until a new president was elected.

Acting Prime Minister Salim Hoss, a Syrian-backed Sunni Muslim who headed the rump of the fractured government that held office under Gemayel, led other Muslim leaders in refusing to acknowledge Aoun.

Government authority in Lebanon long ago became a joke. Real political power has rested for years with the heavily armed militias on both sides and their foreign allies, such as Syria and Israel.

Yet government departments handling social and economic matters continued to function after a fashion, just enough to maintain a semblance of normality. Now even that slender thread is in jeopardy.

Most foreign governments have sat on the fence, maintain-

ing contacts with both Aoun and Hoss, hoping that the crisis will be resolved soon. But there seems little prospect of that.

A special Arab League Committee formed to mediate in the crisis has so far failed to get Aoun, who is backed by Iraq, and Hoss, supported by Syria, to compromise.

Ghassan Bitar, a Christian municipal employee, said he and his colleagues have not been paid since September.

Bitar, 32, who has two children and a wife five months pregnant, said he had to turn his family Mercedes-Benz into a taxi to make ends meet.

"I'm managing, thank God. I can't leave my family hungry," he said.

Shattered

Rana Shehab's dreams of going to London to study medicine were shattered when the Education Ministry refused to issue her high school graduation certificate.

"Going to London's impossible now," said Shehab, an 18-year-old Muslim. "The only alternative was to enrol in the American University of Beirut."

The AUB, which used to be the most prestigious education centre in the Middle East, is now a shadow of what it once was after its foreign professors were frightened off by a wave of kidnappings of its American and British lecturers and administrators.

But Shehab noted: "It's better than nothing."

Education Ministry official Sami Hamadi said the authorities decided not to issue certificates for students in either west or east Beirut "until the government is reunited."

Even getting in and out of Lebanon has become a problem for some people.

"Airport officials turned me back when they saw my passport was renewed in east Beirut," said Anis Saeed, a Christian, when he tried to leave through the airport in Muslim west Beirut.

Refund

"I got my ticket refunded and now I'm going to take the ferry to Cyprus from the Christian port of Jounieh," said Saeed, 24.

The Lebanese have learned how to survive under the most arduous conditions during the civil war, Israel's 1982 invasion and endless factional feuding. But the dividing of what had passed for their government has exasperated many.

"We're fed up. We want this chaos to end. However, if formal partitioning would lead to security, stability and better living conditions, let it be," said Amal Hamdi, 28, a Muslim secretary in west Beirut.

"Let's either have formal partition or elect a new president, but let's finish and know where we stand," said Pierre Ayoub, 36, who works at an east Beirut trading company.

Every ministry now has two competing heads. The 40,000-man Army, the police and mun-

icipal departments are split down the middle, with both splinters answerable to authorities appointed by the rival governments.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1666 — Holland signs treaty of alliance with Great Elector of Brandenburg.
- 1804 — Force of US Marines slips into Tripoli harbour and burns US Navy frigate Philadelphia which had been captured by pirates.
- 1806 — France invades Spain.
- 1871 — Franco-Prussian war ends in defeat for France.
- 1873 — Republic is proclaimed in Spain.
- 1918 — England's port of Dover is bombarded by German submarine in World War I.
- 1933 — Czechoslovakia, Romania and Yugoslavia, fearing German threats, reorganize Little Entente with permanent council.
- 1942 — German submarines fire upon oil refineries in Aruba, Dutch West Indies, during World War II.
- 1945 — Massive US air raids on Tokyo begin in World War II.
- 1953 — South Africa institutes emergency powers under public safety bill.
- 1959 — Fidel Castro becomes premier of Cuba.
- 1962 — Anti-government riots break out in Georgetown, British Guiana.
- 1970 — Moscow says Arab nations will get "necessary support" from Soviet Union in their conflict with Israel.
- 1977 — Anglican archbishop of Uganda and two government ministers are arrested in alleged plot to overthrow Ugandan President Idi Amin.
- 1978 — Japan and China sign \$20 billion trade pact in Beijing.
- 1986 — French warplanes bomb Libyan airfield in northern Chad used as support centre for rebels in their offensive against President Hissene Habre's government.
- 1988 — At least 5 people are killed and 10 wounded when two hand grenades explode at crowded Hindu temple during major festival.

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CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the Arab Times

Fade out scene for serious cinema buffs

Bombay stars hog limelight at film festival

NEW DELHI'S huge Siri Fort was the venue for a world 'Film Mela' held in the Indian capital recently. Some 300 films from various countries including India were screened over a fifteen-day period. Unlike previous film festivals, this was a non-competitive affair, as the Peacock Awards have been discarded.

This proved quite a blessing as there were no mediocre films to go through, and the main section 'Cinema of the world' had over a hundred films, out of which a quarter were award-winning marvels, already acclaimed at other leading festivals.

There were retrospectives of three foreign directors and one of India's Raj Kapoor. The section of early pioneers featured the silent film masterpieces of Fritz Lang. Then there were separately highlighted features, like Black American films, a focus on China and foreign documentaries, apart from Indian short films. In addition there was the Indian panorama of selected Indian features, and even the commercial film festival had their say with a mainstream section, with films like Tezab or Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak.

Right from the start, the festival had its share of sensations, disputes, debates and tugs-of-war pulling in opposite directions. The serious cinema buffs wanted to make it their own kind of world event. But the boisterous Bombay film people, led by the pushy G.P. Sippy, were out to steal the limelight. It seems the Information Ministry was also in favour. Dozens of unconfirmed air tickets were sent out to Bombay, but surely, nobody could expect a Dilip Kumar or a Rekha to be on a waiting list. Thus the N.F.D.C. with the aim of promoting better cinema, got down to approving all the star seats.

The result was that the inauguration of the festival at the big Siri Fort theatre turned into a star parade and the foreign delegates as well as Indian directors faded into the background. Someone even said it reminded him of a Bappi Lahiri variety show. Here, the honours were shared by a number of stars, but the noble cause was that of Salfar Hashmi, a theatre activist who had been killed ten days earlier in a political scuffle, while staging an anti-government street play. But Shabana turned it into a cause for her own self advancement, seeing the number of glamorous stars who were attending, and who surely would steal the limelight from her.

Presented When she was formally presented on the stage, she turned a cultural platform into a political one and read out a protest note about Hashmi. Kabir Bedi, the compere, then had to ask if anybody wanted to reply, whereupon the Information Minister, H.K.L. Bhagat himself walked up and answered angrily.

Meanwhile, Shabana had achieved her purpose. The papers next day were full of headlines and photos of Shabana, putting all the other stars in the shade.

Her English film Madame Souzaatska directed by John Schlesinger was also the opening movie, though she has hardly a few scenes, playing an Indian character in London, which is more of a caricature, as a young director put it.

One could well ask what Shabana had done for Hashmi immediately after his murder? Why did she not take some steps in Bombay? Why did she not just make a silent protest, as Dilip Kumar and Saira Banu did? Why did she attend the minister's 5-star dinner after the inauguration and other parties as well? Instead, she plagiarised Marlon



Madhuri Dixit, heroine of Tezab is interviewed.

Brando's protest at the Oscar ceremony some years ago.

Anyhow, part of the glamour was stolen by Dimple, who brought the auspicious lamp on the stage. Other stars gave brief witty answers to compere Kabir Bedi but only Anupam Kher complained as why he was only allowed to say hello. Rekha spoke rather poorly and Amitabh remained absent throughout the festival.

The stars also shone at the minister's dinner, having left Shabana's British film halfway for the party. Next day again, there were a chain of inaugurations. The Indian panorama was lagged off by Basu Chatterji and Adoor Gopalakrishnan, with the screening of Trishagni a poor film with unnecessary nudity. The R.K. retro brought forth Shashi and Randhir Kapoor, the chacha and bhatija fighting among themselves. Shashi announced that Randhir was invited to speak on behalf of the R.K. family although he was the senior representative. Then why had he been asked? Randhir did not exchange a single word with Shashi. Krishna Kapoor was absent, even from this official honour to 14 films of her husband, Raj Kapoor.

The anti-climax came with the opening of the mainstream (commercial) section to a packed

Kapoor and Madhuri. They came on stage and danced to the tune of the hit song Ek do teen char. What a fiasco for an international festival, meant to open windows to the world?

The screening of Aditya Bhattacharya's Raakh again created the same kind of commotion. Not that people wanted to see the art film, but word had gone round that teen-age idol Amir Khan was attending it. Amir was however, busy shooting in Bombay but several people got hurt in the stampede and the police action, needlessly.

Shatruughan Sinha came a few days late and went away without flutter. His quarrel over not being sent abroad for Astarjalla-Yatra has caused enough trouble, as he is almost in the opposition party. He had been calmed down with threats of action on income tax. Shatru attended a press conference and also appeared on TV, only speaking of his hard work for the film. But Shabana was totally boycotted in the official media.

Cost The festival cost more than a crore of rupees and the returns from ticket sales were hardly 20 lakhs. A lot of money was spent putting up foreign and some Indian delegates, (like members of import selection committee), at the Ashoka Hotel. But journalists and buffs never got a chance to meet the delegates from various countries, except for brief encounters at press conferences or parties.

The open forum was too unwieldy and again dominated by a few festival pets, or rather pests, like Basu Bhattacharya,

Khan. This proved to be a bluff, as no producer bothered about him, not even O.P. Raihan. And Navin himself declared that he had no desire to pursue acting.

The French film Bengali Night shot in Calcutta and shown in the fete caused another cross-culture shock and led to heated fights. It stars Supriya Pathak, Shabana Azmi and Soumitra Chatterji with French actors.

Earlier during its shooting, an aged lady-novelist of Calcutta, Maitree Devi, had raised objections and even filed a case against it, pleading that it was based on some incidents of real life, forty years ago, when a foreigner had stayed at their house and there were rumours of an affair between them. The film was based on the foreigner's novel, while Maitree Devi's own version in her novel was ignored. It was a romantic and touching film nevertheless.

Calcutta City has been degraded a lot in the film, being called a hell and so on. And at one place, the French hero angrily calls the poet Tagore "an old pig." Naturally, Bengalis in Delhi, began a protest against it. However, the film stands no

commercial chance in India. Supriya is a bad choice, as she looks aged and aggressive rather than tender. She also has no rating as a star. Shabana plays the elderly role of her mother and looks too stiff. The atmosphere is well captured but the alien look prevails, as in Mira Nair's Salaam Bombay.

The festival's film market was another big flop. Many producers wound up their stalls within a few days. The Malaysian epic 1921 was shown without sub-titles. So who would buy it? The only deals were those of Indians buying the quota of films allowed to be imported by them. They were mostly Korean or other sexy films. What then is the tangible gain of such a costly festival? Is it only to show hundreds of films to a few thousand people? There too, there were too many sections and films and so many theatres were a deserted empty look.

The main rush was for the erotic or "hot" films. People frantically inquired which films had such stuff. Some openly confessed that their interest in the fete lay only in explicit scenes, either love-making or rape.



A glamorous Dimple and Raakhee at the Indian film festival inauguration held at Siri Fort in New Delhi.

These films attracted record audiences, with stormy scenes outside the public theatres. A freak film like Clandestine Destiny was the most pornographic of all. How it got selected and

gained an entry remains one of the many mysteries of the 12th International Film Festival of India, which ended with the screening of an ordinary French film.

Perhaps it was to give a start to the Festival of France in India, beginning from February for one whole year, by which time India will have the next film festival, in January 1990, in Calcutta.

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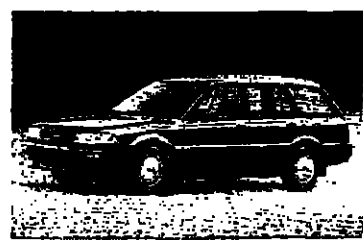
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THE President has a new car. He rode in it just after his swearing-in on Inauguration day. News commentators gushed over its capabilities. As I understand it, the custom-built limousine is bullet-proof, dust-proof, has tilted seats, a smoke producer, a loudspeaker, a bar, a large-screen television, a kitchen (capable of cooking a meal for 40), a Jacuzzi, a steam room and a squash court.

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the glove compartment, but then it would be hard to reach from the back seat."

"I am pleased to have such deterrent capability in my car, but what kind of signal are we sending the Soviet Union when half the controls in the back can start a war?"

"It was the CIA's idea. They told us that Gorbachev's limo has been equipped with four SS20s on the exhaust pipe, and that they are aimed directly at the United States."

"Well, all right. How do I receive the signal to launch my nuclear weapons?"

"It will come over this country music station. We're assuming that you will be listening to country music whenever you are being driven to and from the White House. As soon as you hear the announcer say 'a kinder, gentler mushroom cloud,' you'll be push the button."

"This one?"



"No, sir. That button is to defrost the rear window."

"I'll get it right. What happens if I push this one over here?"

"That turns on the car's flame thrower in case you're caught in a traffic gridlock."

"You people have thought of everything. I imagine that this button must be important."

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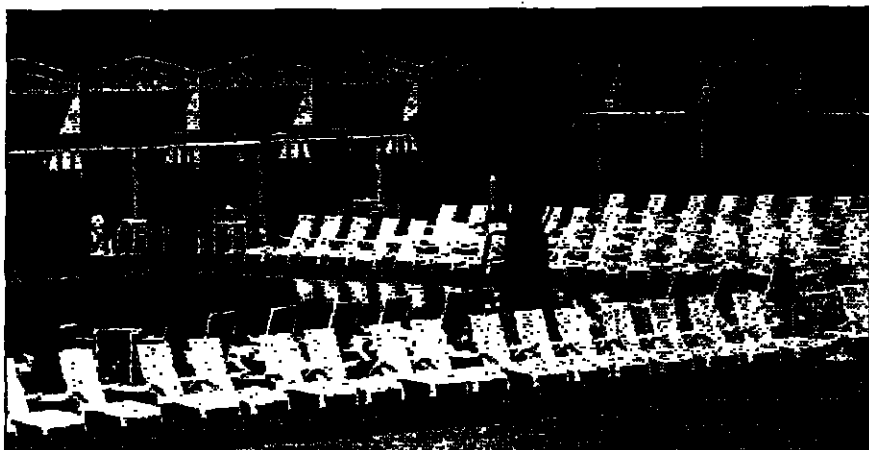
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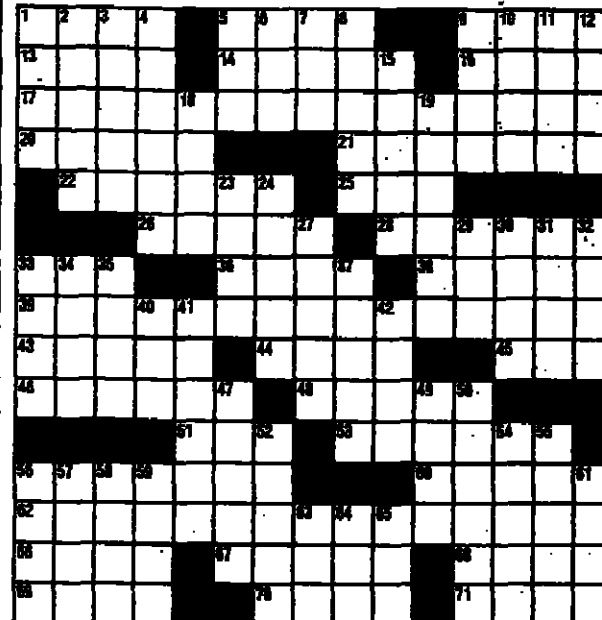


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do to make his slam was to bring in the trump suit without a loser, and with a combined 10 cards in the suit the percentage play was to take a finesse.

It might seem, therefore, that declarer can lead any card from hand and finesse the queen. Most of the time that would be adequate. However, if the cards are divided as above, declarer will still have to concede a trump trick.

A trump finesse is only part of the solution. Declarer also should provide for the possibility that all the missing spades will be in the West hand.

To cater to that, declarer should lead the jack of spades to the third trick. If West plays low, declarer runs the jack and repeats the finesse to pick up all the trumps. If West covers, dummy's ace wins and declarer learns about the 3-0 split when East discards. It is a simple matter for declarer to return to hand in a side suit and lead another trump, taking the marked finesse of the eight if West follows low.



THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should beware of losing your temper over some triviality. Try to determine what would be a waste of time and avoid it. Also do not dissipate your energies, conserve them. Be considerate.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be more sure of yourself and will be better able to achieve what you set out to do. Make sure you do not do anything that your partner would not agree with. Have the courage of your convictions. Be patient.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You must do your best to avoid giving rise to confusion. Make sure you do not permit yourself to be distracted. Do not allow your emotions to run away with you. Be less demanding.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

The Moon's better influence will help you to assess the situation correctly. You will have a better idea of what you want to do and how to go about it. You should try to have a good laugh at yourself. Be tolerant.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should not put all your eggs in one basket and you should try to allow yourself enough room for manoeuvre. Make sure you do not spend in the hope of a piece of good luck. Do not give away a secret, not even to a friend. Be magnanimous.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will be more persuasive but you should not think you can have everything your own way. You should avoid giving too much emphasis to negative considerations. Do not take on commitments you are not sure you can meet just now. Be lenient.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will be more at peace with yourself and should try to stay that way. Before you take the initiative try to clear your path. Persevere with a new skill you are learning — it will be acquired. Be tactful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

The Moon's improved influence will help you to meet your responsibilities to the full. Your private life will be rather more fulfilled. Make sure you get enough rest and do not exhaust yourself. Be self-reliant.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should not allow yourself to get flustered or anxious. If you do your best everything will be in order. Do a friend a favour but not to your own detriment. Be pertinent.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

The Moon's less favourable influence will do nothing to improve your mood. You will be able to deal with an urgent problem only if you do not run out of patience. Avoid blaming others for what is really your own fault. Be consistent.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

You will have plenty of ideas but should avoid being impetuous with them. You should allow sufficient margin for unavoidable error. Try to look on the bright side and to take pleasure in little things. Be moderate.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be able to avoid falling into a trap. A decision you took some time ago will now begin to show good results. You should not allow yourself to be depressed in gloomy thoughts. Be sensible.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Japanese stock market turned in a splendid performance in '88

Economic activity expected to cruise along: economist

By M.C. Bose

A JAPANESE economist has said the 1989 economic activity is expected to cruise along, continuing its long expansion and keeping equipment investment demand at a relatively stable pace.

He added that since interest rates are now at historic lows, apprehensions over an interest boost may rise at some point, as in 1988.

The Japanese stock market turned in a splendid performance last year, rising by 42 per cent. The fundamental reason for this strong performance is the robust Japanese economy, the economist said.

Noriyuki Suzuki, general manager, international business department of Yamaichi Securities Co., told the investors conference in Kuwait yesterday that significantly the tax-related act which passed the House of Councillors session on Dec 24 last year is scheduled to come into effect on April 1, 1989.

Objective

The most important objective of this tax reform is to correct taxation imbalances while securing funds in preparation for the ageing of Japan's society. Although some people fear that this new taxation may have unfavourable effects, such as accelerating inflation and curbing consumption expenditure, in general these effects are expected

to be offset by favourable influences. He said that on an individual basis, some sectors will benefit greatly while others will not, and such diversity is certain to affect the securities market.

Suzuki said that the introduction of a three per cent consumption tax clearly demonstrates the impact that will be felt by certain sectors. When it is implemented, the existing commodity tax will be abolished, which will most greatly benefit the automobile and home electric appliance industries.

Although the consumption tax will be levied on the shipment price while the commodity tax is levied on the delivery price, the difference between the two taxation rates is large, and represents the degree to which the total taxation rate will drop.

Reduction

Tax on cars will fall 50 per cent during the first three-year period when the temporary tax of six per cent will be applied, and a sharp 69 per cent reduction is estimated when the final three per cent tax is adopted.

As a result, an average 10 per cent reduction will become possible, which is likely to stimulate demand. The commodity tax of 20 per cent on air conditioners, large refrigerators and large televisions will also be replaced by a consumption tax of only three per cent.

Income taxes and residential

taxes will be simplified. There are currently six income tax brackets ranging from 10 to 60 per cent, and seven residential tax brackets ranging from five to 16 per cent. The system will be modified to include five income tax brackets ranging from 10 to 50 per cent and only three residential tax brackets of 5, 10 and 15 per cent. Obviously, the disposable income of the rich will increase.

Enhancement

He said that Japan has also turned its attention towards the rapid enhancement of the social infrastructure. Although Japan has caught up to some extent with other advanced countries in terms of wealth, its infrastructure and public amenities lag considerably behind, to the growing dissatisfaction of the Japanese people. At the same time, the recent strong economy has increased tax income more than expected and the fiscal deficit is expected to improve to a level of approximately one per cent of nominal GNP.

A change in corporate spirit is yet another notable point. Companies are much less hesitant to diversify and are already engaged in aggressive restructuring in order to launch new areas of business.

At the same time, progressive internationalisation has made it impossible to shift manufacturing units to countries where low cost labour and high profitability are available, thus maintaining



Noriyuki Suzuki (centre) pictured with other participants.

international competitiveness without tax conflicts.

The government bond market is expected to exhibit a strong undertone in 1989. This trend will be supported by a continuation of yen appreciation and a tight supply and demand situation for bonds.

In order to avert a slump in the value of the US dollar, the Bank of Japan will be forced to lead short-term interest rates lower. While a brief market decline is anticipated as a result of yen depreciation and other factors, the extremely large redemption amount of government bonds

and the decline of new issuance will exert a favourable influence on the supply and demand situation. This will lead to buying on decline and prevent any major slump in the market.

The US monetary policy of tight credit is currently in its last stages and long-term interest rate trends are in the process of reversing direction. As the slowdown in economic growth becomes more obvious, concern over inflation will tend to fade. Short and long-term interest rates should decline and the bond market is expected to firm.

Because European exchange

rates are projected to be more stable than the US dollar and yields in the European bond market will exceed those in Japan. Demand from Japanese investors will be substantial. Therefore, the European bond market is expected to be generally firm.

The US economy has been expanding again since October last year. However, due to the Federal Reserve Board's tight monetary policy, long-term interest rates in the bond market have reversed direction and the economy is approaching a very delicate stage.

Latin America's net transfer of resources climbed to \$29b in '88

WASHINGTON, Feb 15, (UPI): Latin America's net transfer of resources abroad climbed to \$29 billion in 1988 and adds up to almost \$180 billion over the seven years since the debt crisis exploded, a United Nations agency's report said today.

After declining from \$33 billion in 1985 to less than \$17 billion in 1987, the net flow of resources abroad from Latin America and the Caribbean increased strongly in 1988, reaching \$29 billion, said the Washington office of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

In 1988, the outward transfer of resources represented 24 per cent of Latin American and Caribbean exports, compared with 15 per cent in 1987.

Accumulated

The region has been transferring resources abroad for seven consecutive years, for an accumulated total of almost \$180 billion, or 45 per cent of its present external debt of \$401 billion, ECLAC said in a report. The developing world debt

crisis exploded in 1982 when Mexico was unable to service its commitments.

The accelerating 1988 financial hemorrhage was partly a consequence of larger interest payments, and above all of the sharp reduction in the net inflow of capital to Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC said. The net inflow of capital contracted in 1988 to a mere \$4 billion, not even a third of the amount received in 1987.

Most of the drop was due to the abrupt turnaround in net capital movements to Brazil, Mexico and Venezuela, which after receiving net loans and investments of more than \$5 billion in 1987, registered a net capital outflow of more than \$3 billion in 1988.

All the other Latin American countries, except Argentina and Colombia, suffered a marked reduction in net external financing. The net inflow of capital to the region was barely enough to cover 13 per cent of the interest payments due, ECLAC said.

But all was not gloom as 1988 witnessed the first absolute drop

in the region's external obligations, the report said. Latin America's debt fell 6 per cent in real terms, to \$401 billion by year end.

Operations

The most publicised contribution to this drop was the increase in debt-reduction operations through official mechanisms or private direct repurchases, as many countries promoted programmes to convert their foreign debt into risk-capital in local enterprises.

However, the extremely restricted access to new loans also had an impact, as new lending by private banks was practically non-existent, and net disbursements from multilateral financial organisations remained low for the second consecutive year, ECLAC said.

One of the most important sources of financing were the 'involuntary loans' which private and official creditors were forced to make because of delays in interest payments. At least 13 countries contracted this type of 'commitments' in 1988, ECLAC said.

GM reports record profits

DETROIT, Feb 15, (Reuters): General Motors Corp reported record net income of \$4.9 billion for 1988 today breaking its previous earnings peak of \$4.5 billion set in 1984.

The largest US car maker said the record profits stemmed from increased volume, improved performance in North America and overseas, and lower fixed manufacturing expenses.

GM chairman Roger Smith said the earnings improvement also resulted from efforts to reduce costs and build better-quality products. Last month he said GM would break its 1984 earnings record.

Estimated

Car industry analysts had estimated the company earned \$4.55 billion to \$4.9 billion in 1988.

GM's per-share income of \$14.34 was in the middle of analysts' expectations. The per-share figure compared with \$10.06 in 1987.

GM said the earnings of its North American operating group increased significantly in 1988 over nominal 1987 profits. It said its overseas operations earned a record \$2.7 billion last year, up from \$1.9 billion in 1987. Smith said the North American operations, despite their improved performance, were still below GM's desired level of profitability.

"We are committed to our primary goal in North America to profitably raise GM's market share — and that will require continued product innovation, quality improvement, cost reductions and effective marketing programmes," he said.

In 1988 GM's share of the US car market declined to 36.1 per cent from 41.7 per cent in 1987.

Revenues

For the year, GM said revenues rose to \$110.22 billion from \$101.78 billion in 1987.

The 1988 net income included a gain of \$224.2 million from an accounting change.

GM said its fourth-quarter profits rose to \$1.39 billion from \$1.35 billion a year earlier. Revenues rose to \$22.84 billion from \$26.37 billion.

Meanwhile, GM announced plans to refurbish its assembly plants in Flint, Michigan and Janesville, Wisconsin, to build new trucks beginning in late 1991.

America's top automaker said the Janesville plant, operated by its Buick-Oldsmobile-Cadillac group, will be refurbished to build a new line of Chevrolet Suburban truck wagon and Chevrolet Blazer/GMC Jimmy sport utility vehicles, to debut for the 1992 model year.

Modernisation

GM's Flint plant, operated by its truck and bus group, will be retrofitted to build a new, yet unspecified truck product following completion of Suburban and Jimmy/Blazer production at that plant, expected sometime in 1991.

No startup date was announced for the new truck model at Flint, although it too is expected to be sometime in 1991, GM said. Costs of the modernisation projects at both plants will be

announced at a later date, GM spokesman John Hartnett said.

The change at Janesville also means the plant will end production of the Chevrolet Cavalier and Buick Skyhawk subcompact cars in late 1990 to allow the changeover to light trucks, GM said.

However, company spokesman Tom Klipstine said those cars could be reassigned to another GM assembly plant at a

later date, depending on plant availability and market demand.

GM's Flint plant is also slated to start production of crew cab and cab chassis light-duty truck models in April, after they are transferred from the Janesville facility.

The cab chassis will be built at Flint until the end of this year, while the crew cab will be built until 1992, Hartnett said.

World Business Summary

Turkish opposition vows to reverse privatisation

ANKARA, Feb 15, (Reuters): Turkey's main opposition leader Erdal Inonu said yesterday that if his party came to power it would renationalise state companies privatised by Prime Minister Turgut Ozal. "Privatisation is just the government's selling enterprises to foreigners to pay back foreign debts," Inonu told a meeting of the Social Democrat Populist Party in Ankara. "When we take office we will buy back all privatised institutions," said Inonu, whose party narrowly leads Ozal's Motherland Party in opinion polls. Turkey's privatisation programme has been plagued by delays and economic uncertainty. But Ozal's government, whose term ends in 1992, is still preparing more than 40 wholly or partly-owned state companies for sale. Privatisation started last March with the sale of a minority share in the Teletex Communications Company.

\$17.30m IFAD loan for China

ROME, Feb 15, (OPECNA): The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is to extend a \$17.30 million loan to China to help finance a livestock development project. This is the fifth IFAD-initiated project in China, bringing the agency's total lending to over 128.20 million. The project will help diversify agricultural economy in the Sichuan Province by adding intensive grain cultivation in the east and the development of small livestock production in the poorly utilised hill and mountainous areas of the south. China is keen that the benefits of economic growth in the province should be distributed equally. The annual per capita income of the region is 20 per cent below the national average of over \$100.

JOINT OPERATIONS

Kuwait Oil Company (KSC) Getty Oil Company

Joint Operations (Kuwait Oil Company and Getty Oil Company) announces the Pre-Qualification for:

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Contractors with previous experience in such works and wishing to participate in this tender, are invited to collect the Pre-Qualification Documents from Contracts Administration Office at Joint Operations — Wafra, during the official working hours from 07:00 am to 04:00 pm) not later than April 2, 1989, against non-refundable fees of KD. 100/-.

Nigeria moves closer to huge gas exports: Shell official

LAGOS, Feb 15, (Reuters): Nigeria has moved closer to realising a 25-year-old ambition to ship natural gas on a huge scale to Europe and North America, the head of a Royal Dutch/Shell subsidiary leading the projects said today.

Brian Lavers, managing director of Shell Petroleum Development Co of Nigeria, said in an interview annual sales of four million tonnes of liquefied natural gas (LNG) starting on Jan 1, 1995, to the two regions were now virtually assured.

"Marketing of the gas is pretty well tied up," he said.

The government sees gas as a key element in its struggle to diversify the economy away from dependence on crude oil exports. About half the gas would go to Europe with two West German buyers taking the most of it and an Italian and a Spanish firm expected to sign 20-year agreements early in 1990, he said.

Reserves

OPEC member Nigeria produces around 1.4 million barrels of crude oil daily and has reserves of about 16 billion barrels, but its largely unexploited gas reserves are bigger, he said.

The \$2.3 billion joint venture LNG project involves the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), with a 60 per cent share. Shell as technical leader with 20 per cent and Elf of France and Agip of Italy holding 10 per cent each.

It will involve developing gas fields in the Niger delta and building pipelines to carry 750 million cubic feet (21.2 million cubic metres) of gas a day to a liquefaction plant at Bonny. A new loading terminal is to be built to handle the LNG.

Italy should act to cut budget deficit: OECD

PARIS, Feb 15, (Reuters): Italy should take action to cut its high government budget deficit, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) said today.

The Mediterranean country also faced the danger that strong economic growth could rekindle inflation and widen its trade deficit, the Paris-based think-tank said.

In its first report on Italy in 17 months, the 24-nation OECD forecast that Italy's growth rate, estimated at 3.75 per cent in 1988, would slow to 3.5 per cent this year and 2.75 per cent in 1990.

If this occurred, "inflation would ease a little and the deterioration in the external balance would be only modest, with the current account deficit

widening from about \$4 billion in 1988 to about six billion in 1990," the report said.

Inflation should hold around four per cent this year, falling to 3.75 per cent by the second half of 1990, it added.

But it warned that consumer and industrial demand risked growing more strongly, increasing domestic demand for higher wages and widening the current account deficit.

"The size of recent (wage) settlements is a matter of some concern in view of continued high level of unemployment," the OECD said.

It was also essential that an accord between government and unions on improving efficiency and flexibility in the public sector be put into practice.

Saudi oil supply pact continues, says Bahrain

BAHRAIN, Feb 15, (Reuters): Bahrain said today Saudi Arabia had supplied its refinery with crude oil for half a century and denied that the supply agreement was under review to pave the way for a refinery modernisation scheme.

The Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency quoted an official at the Ministry of Industry and Development as saying a Reuters report of intensified talks to pave the way for a \$640 million modernisation of the Bahrain Petroleum Co. (BAPCO) plant was unfounded.

"Oil supply to the Bahrain refinery is half a century old, based on an evergreen agreement, with the two sides reviewing now and then routine administrative and accounting

procedures," the official said.

Gulf oil analysts told Reuters yesterday the island's Supreme Oil Council was trying to formalise the open-ended arrangement under which the kingdom supplies Bahrain with 200,000 barrel per day (BPD).

Commercial banks approached by the government to fund the modernisation had asked for a written guarantee signed by the Saudis before they would agree to take part, the analysts said.

Basis

The official said the Reuters story over-interpreted a statement by the Supreme Oil Council that it had discussed the basis for providing the refinery with crude oil from Saudi Arabia.

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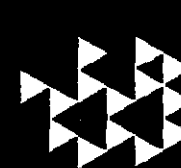
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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16-17, 1989

LONDON

(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	227/0
ABBIE LIFE	317/0	
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ASDA GP	147/0	
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BTR	346.0	
BAT INDS	551/0	
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BEAZER	169.0	
BEECHAMS	566.0	
BERISFORD	157.0	
BICC PLC	462.0	
BLUE ARMY	91/0	
BLUE CIRC	485/0	
BOC GP	265.0	
BOOTS CO	499/0	
BPB INDS	250/0	
BR BORN	254/0	
BR AIRWAY	195.0	
BR AEROSP	531.0	
BR GAS RG	177.0	
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World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 300 IND	1677.4	1675.0	1658.1	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1160.1	1160.1	1151.1	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1060.89	60.89	1053.37	926.59
FT GAV SEC	88.96	88.96	88.98	87.03
FT GAV MW	163.0	163.0	165.4	161.9
FT MINES F	673.03	673.03	666.64	565.31
FT OIL	1916.3	1916.3	1900.25	1725.4
FT MLD DLR	145.63	144.43	145.26	139.21
FT MLD STG	121.98	122.47	122.78	115.30
FT MLD LOC	129.93	130.00	130.63	123.40

London Stock Market Report

UK SHARES DOWN ON LOW VOLUME IN LATE TRADING

LONDON, FEB 15, REUTER - U.K. SHARE PRICES WERE MOSTLY LOWER IN LATE BUSINESS WITH THE LOW LEVEL OF TURNOVER NOTABLE IN AN OTHERWISE FEATURELESS MARKET. DEALERS SAID.

"INTER-MARKET-MAKER BUSINESS HAS MORE OR LESS HALVED SINCE THE CHANGE IN DEALING RULES, BUT THERE IS CERTAINLY LESS CLIENT BUSINESS TODAY," ONE TRADER AT A LEADING LONDON BROKERS SAID.

AT 1549 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS DOWN 5.7 POINTS AT 2043.4 AFTER TOUCHING A LOW OF 2040.4 MINUTES AFTER THE WALL STREET OPENING. VOLUME AT 1500 GMT WAS JUST 322 MLN, COMPARED WITH A DAILY TURNOVER IN EXCESS OF 500 MLN DURING JANUARY.

DEALERS SAID THE CHANGE IN DEALING RULES, WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT MONDAY, HAS MADE FOR LESS SHARE PRICE VOLATILITY AS WELL AS LOWER VOLUME. BUT THEY SAID TODAY'S FALL-OFF IN CLIENT BUSINESS WAS MAINLY TO THE FORTHCOMING ECONOMIC DATA.

TODAY'S NEWS THAT U.K. DECEMBER INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FELL A SURPRISE 1.8 PCT AFTER A REVERSED 0.6 PCT RISE IN NOVEMBER HAD LITTLE OVERALL IMPACT ON PRICES BUT APPEARED TO POINT TO A SLOWDOWN IN U.K. GROWTH.

COMMENTING ON THE DATA RANDAL GOLDSMITH, EQUITY STRATEGIST AT BROKERS JAMES CAPEL SAID "IT SEEMS THAT THE U.K. AUTHORITIES INTEREST RATE POLICY IS WORKING TO SLOW DOWN THE ECONOMY."

London Gold

LONDON, FEB 15, REUTER - GOLD BULLION FINISHED AT 381.75/382.25 DLS AN OUNCE, ABOVE ITS EARLIER 26-NORTH LON, WITH THE MARKET FINDING SUPPORT AT 380 DLS, DEALERS SAID.

THE METAL HAD DROPPED TO 380.25/380.75 DLS AT ONE STAGE, DOWN FROM TUESDAY'S CLOSE OF 385.00/385.50.

GOLD HAD EASED FROM THE OPENING FOLLOWING A WEAK PERFORMANCE IN THE U.S. OVERNIGHT AND LATER AFTER THE FAR EAST WERE NOTABLE SELLERS. DEALERS SAID.

CHARTS REMAIN BEARISH AND THE GENERAL DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE METAL FAILED TO RALLY DESPITE RECENT WEAKNESS IN THE DOLLAR PROMPTED CUSTOMER AND PROFESSIONAL SELLING, THEY ADDED.

London Money Market

LONDON, FEB 15, REUTER - A SHARP AND UNEXPECTED FALL IN DECEMBER U.K. OUTPUT DATA, AND MOUNTING SPECULATION ABOUT A RISE IN GERMAN OFFICIAL INTEREST RATES LEFT THOSE IN THE LONDON MONEY MARKET MOSTLY UNCHANGED.

THE KEY THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE DID NOT BUDGE FROM THE 13-1/16 12-15/16 PCT IT HAS BEEN POSTING SINCE YESTERDAY.

"THE LONDON MARKET IS FOCUSED ON U.K. INFLATION, AND VERY LITTLE ELSE MATTERS FOR THE MOMENT," SAID A TRADER AT A BROKERAGE HOUSE.

THE 1.8 PCT FALL IN U.K. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION SUGGESTED AN ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN, BUT ALSO A TRADE DETERIORATION, DEALERS SAID.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
1.775/720	1.8420/25	6.2695/25		
1.7685/95	3.265/270	3.2605/40	11.1025/1140	NOON
1.8389/8469	11.104/122	34.070/180	29.295/455	FIX
1.5640/5650	2.7683/7716	84.88/99	24.94/96	1300
2.0800	3.6825	112.885	33.165	FIX
U.S. 1.3103	0.639182	2.08528	97.0780	CLSE
SDR 1.31513	0.747743	2.44917	8.33135	CLSE
YEN 126.25/35	225.31/62			NOON
SDR RATE	14/02/1989	OTHERS	15/02/1989	

BOOTH HENR	439/0	438/0
BORTHWICK	49/0	49/0
BR ARROW	117/0	118/0
BR ASSETS	79/4	79/4
BR DREDGI	151/0	151/0
BR VITA	252/0	251/0
BRENT CHE	149/0	149/0
BRENT WCR	337/0	336/0
BRIDON	201/0	201/0
BRITANNIA	183/0	183/0
BRITANNIC	383/0	382/0
BRIXTON E	402/0	401/0
BROWN SHI	342/0	340/0
BRYANT GP	122/0	123/0
BSC INTL	72/4	72/4
BUDGENS	121/0	121/0
BULLOUGH	490/0	488/0
BULMER IP	171/0	172/0
CAIRO GRP	371/0	370/0
CALENDONIA	399/0	397/0
CAMB ELEC	260/0	261/0
CAMFORD E	231/0	233/0
CANNING W	233/0	235/0
CANON ST	297/0	296/0
CAP-RADIO	56/4	56/2/0
CARADON	360/0	361/0
CARLICO EN	155/0	154/0
CATTLE HD	66/0	66/0
CAULDON	104/0	110/0
CENTL ITV	709/0	708/0
CHAS PHRR	141/0	141/0
CHARTERHA	24/6	24/4
CHAS CHUR	76/0	77/0
CHORLTON	63/0	63/0
CHRISTIES	708/0	706/0
CI GROUP	50/0	51/0
CITR SEC	56/4	57/4
CITRY OIL	184/0	183/0
COALITE	365/0	367/0
COATES BR	327/0	327/0
COLLINS A	731/0	730/0
COLLINS W	883/0	885/0
COLLOROLD	173/0	173/0
COMPAS GR	324.0	324.0
CONNELLS	264/0	262/0
COSTAIN	324/0	323/0
COURTS FR	191/0	188/0
COMIE (T)	136/0	136/0
CRODA	156/0	157/0
CRODA INT	206/0	206/0
CRYSTALAT	159/0	158/0
CTRY PROP	268/0	268/0
DARES EST	33/0	33/0
DAVIS GDD	170/0	170/0
DAVY CORP	226/0	225/0
DELTA GRP	312/0	312/0
DEVENISH	324/0	325/0
DEMIRA	41/4	41/0
DIPLOMA	221/0	222/0
DOBSON PK	100/4	100/4
DOUGLASS	74/0	75/0
DOVITY GR	253/0	252/0
DRAYTON C	532/0	530/0
DRG	459/0	458/0
DUKEMINSTR	74/0	75/0
DUNDEE LD	298/0	299/0
DUNHILL	239/0	238/0
EAGLE ST	15/2	15/2
EDIN I.T	183/0	183/0
EDMOND HD	41/4	41/0
ELECTRA	256/0	255/0
ELECTROCR	201/0	202/0
ENAP	240/0	240/0
EMPIRE ST	206/0	205/0
ERA GROUP	53/0	53/0
EURO.HOME	277/0	278/0
EUROTHROW	455/0	455/0
EURLINT	749/0	745/0
EURLINT W	71/0	70/4
EVODR GRP	189/0	190/0
EX.CO.LOU	119/0	118/0
EXPANET	184/0	187/0
FAC ENTER	30/0	30/0
FAC ENTER	246/0	246/0
FAC PACIF	160/0	160/0
FAC SHILLR	76/0	76/0
FARNELL E	163/0	164/0
FED.HOUSH	237/0	236/0
FENNER JH	187/0	187/0
FERGUSON	276/0	276/0
FINLAN GP	88/0	87/0
FITCH LCV	112/0	111/0
FITCH LOV	273/0	273/0
FLM GROUP	305/0	305/0
FLM ANER	127/4	127/0
GALLIFORD	127/0	127/0
GARDNER	51.0	51.0
GEEST	265/0	266/0
GEI INTL	125/0	126/0
GERRODMAT	285/0	285/0
GESTETNER	274/0	274/0
GOODE DUR	116/0	115/0
GPG	42/0	41/0
GRANPH N	310/0	311/0
GREEN KNG	584/0	585/0
GREENLNG	305/0	304/0
GREYCOAT	461/0	458/0
GRUP TV A	62/0	63/0
GT PRTIND	382/0	381/0
GUINNESS M	131/0	131/0
GUS ORD	613/0	600/0
GVTY ORIE	364/0	363/0
GVTY STRA	248/0	248/0
H.I.M.DTS	160/0	160/0
HALLA	214/0	213/0
HAMBROS I	249/0	249/0
HAMBROSON	870/0	870/0
HAWTH LN	51/0	51/0
HAZELWOOD	247/0	246/0
HEATH(CE)	473/0	472/0
HELENE PL	35/0	35/0
HELICAL B	310/0	311/0
HEMPHORTH	268/0	267/0
HESTAIR	269/0	270/0
HEYWOOD V	294/0	293/0

SAGA GRP	263/0	264/0
SALE TLYS	235/0	235/0
SALVENSEN	160/0	160/0
SAVILLE G	52/0	52/0
SAVOY "AM"	86/0	86/0
SCOT MERI	183/0	183/0
SCOT I.T.	164/0	163/0
SCOT MET	166/0	167/0
SCOT MORT	118/0	118/0
SCOT.AM.I	100/0	100/0
SCOT MAT	90/0	90/0
SCOT MCT	90/0	90/0
SCOT NAT W	11/0	11/0
SELECT AS	117/0	117/0
SENDER	85/0	86/0
SHANDWICK	507/0	507/0
SHERATON S	80/0	81/0
SHIRE INV	280/0	280/0
SIMON ENY	344/0	344/0
SINGER&F	74/0	75/0
SMITH D	334/0	333/0
SOUND DIF	22/0	22/0
SPRING RAM	222/0	222/0
SPRIX-SARC	206/0	206/0
ST.ANDREW	206/0	206/0
ST. JOHNS	106/0	106/0
ST. MARY	104/0	104/0
STEETLEY	387/0	387/0
STREND PR	181/0	180/0
STOODARD	54/0	55/0
STORNGARJ	18/0	19/0
STURGE UD	257/0	255/0
TELEMETR	48/0	49/0
TEMPLE BA	248/0	247/0
THAMES TV	447/0	448/0
THOMSON T	88/0	88/0
THORNTON	146/0	146/0
THROUGHT	42/0	42/0
THURGOOD	42/0	41/0
TIE RACK	98/0	97/0
TIME PROD	227/0	228/0
TIPOHOCK	500/0	499/0
TOBKINS F	245/0	244/0
TOOTAL	131/0	132/0
TOZER K&M	111/0	111/0
TRC CITY	86/0	86/0
TRC PACIFIC	67/0	67/0
TRC PROPTY	55/0	55/0
TRISTEE	140/0	140/0
TRIMCOE	46/0	46/0
TRIPLEXX	196/0	197/0
TRITON ER	146/0	147/0
TRSPRI DV	263/0	263/0
TV SU HLD	35/0	35/0
UBB GROUP	133/0	133/0
U-BORLAND	78/0	78/0
U-BRD ST	36/0	36/0
U-BROADML	183/0	183/0
U-CIFER	12/0	12/0
U-CITY	130/0	130/0
U-DEANBRO	166/0	166/0
U-DEMEY W	111/0	112/0
U-EXPLAUR	44/0	44/0
U-FIELDS	29/0	30/0
U-FLOYD E	17/0	17/0
U-FRD SEL	104/0	100/0

International Bond Highlights

PARIS: The European Investment Bank is launching a 750 mln French franc 9-1/4 pct Eurobond, priced at 101.30 pct and maturing on March 10, 1999, lead manager Societe Generale said.

Milan: Fiat Finance and Trade, a subsidiary of Fiat SPA, is issuing a 100 billion lire five-year Eurobond with a 12 pct coupon priced at 101-1/2 pct, lead manager Banca Commerciale Italiana said. (XKTP 1101)

Paris: French state airline Air France is to launch a perpetual note issue for between 1.8 billion and 2.0 billion francs, chairman Bernard Attali said. (XKVS 1444)

London: Cassa di Risparmio Della Provincia Lombarda Hong Kong branch, is issuing a 60 mln Eurobond due March 16, 1999, through the Law Debenture Trust Corp. lead manager IBI International Ltd said. (XKWD 1508)

Berlin: The central issuing office of Swiss regional banks is launching a 182 mln Swiss franc, 5-1/4 pct, eight-year bullet bond priced at 101 pct, lead manager Spar and Lehnkassa said. (MRZD 1114)

London: Nichi Co Ltd has cut the coupon on its 500 mln of, four-year, equity warrant Eurobond to 4-1/8 pct from an indicated 4-1/2 pct. Nomura International said. (XKSE 1012)

Manila: The Philippines and the International Monetary Fund expect to agree on an economic adjustment programme in two weeks, central bank governor Jose Fernandez said. (XLMX 0855)

Amsterdam: The Dutch Finance Ministry said it plans to issue a seven pct 10-year bullet loan and has invited subscriptions at tender. The amount and the issue price of the loan will be set on Feb 21. (XLMH 0832)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 12-15/16 13/16	13-1/12 12-15 /16	13-1/12 12-15 /16
FFT 6.05/15	5.85/95	6.55/65
PAR 8-3/4 7/8	8-13/16 15/16	9-1/8
ZUR 4-7/8 5-1/8	5-5/8 5-7/8	5-3/4 6
BRX 5.50	7-11/16 13/16	8-3/16 1/4
ROM 11-5/8 12-1/8	12-11/16 13/16	12-1/4 12-3/4
AMS 6.31/43	6.60/70	6.70/80
TOK 3.25/32 27/32	4.8/52 10/32	4.17/52 19/32
ECU 8.00 8.25	8.31 8.43	8.62 8.75

Interest Rates

Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait, today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-1/16	8-7/16
3 months	8-1/16	8-7/16
6 months	8-1/8	8-1/2
1 year	8-1/8	8-9/16

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	82.50	87	86 NICO	590	590	595
ACC	319	326	325	GNFC	41	43	42.50	MUKAND	80
ASIA PAINT	207.50	206.25	208.75	GRASIM	99.25	100	99	NOCIL	765
BAJAJ AUTO	382.50	382.50	380	JSCE	127.50	135	127.50	ORRAY	22
BAR. RAYON	310	310	310	HIND LEVER	75.50	72	72	PEICO	21
BON. DYING	123	122	122.50	HINDALCO	174	189	188	PFIZER	73
BR. BOND	122.50	122	122.50	HINDCOBA	110	111	112.25	PRES. AUTO	42.50
BSE INDEX	669.80	660.23	660.23	HINDMOTOR	29	28.75	29.15	RAYMOND	69.50
CENTURYSPG	1490	1490	1495	INDRANIL	31.50	33	33.50	RELIANCE	138.50
COLGATE	313.75	315	315	INDROL	281.25	278.75	275	SPIC	41.50
DEEPAK FERT	35	35.75	35.50	ITC	48.50	48	50	STOKILLS	225
EL. HOTEL	57	55	57	JSKYNTH	76	77	76	TATA PUR	345
ESKAYEF	132.50	132.50	132.50	L AND T	114	112	107	TATACHEN	112
ESSAR	21.75	21.50	21.50	MAHINDRA	85.50	86	87	TELCO	742.50
GAR. POLY	68.75	68.75	70	MASTERSHR	15	14.85	15.15	TISCO	1205
GE. SHIP	35.85	35.35	35	MATHER PL	50	51	50	VOLTAS	590

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLOSE
AEG	275.6	222.0
ALFA ROMEO	182.0	181.2
BAELENBERG	194.5	195.0
BASF	292.4	297.2
BAYER	306.4	307.0
BAYER HYD	370.0	375.0
BAYER VER	387.0	388.0
BBC	414.1	412.0
BHF	454.0	454.0
BHM	498.5	508.0
COMMERZB	241.5	244.9
CONTI GUM	251.0	263.2
DATHEM BEN	658.5	663.0
DEUTSC BK	521.0	530.0
DLW	480.0	488.0
DRESDNER B	302.0	301.0
FAZ INDEX	558.44	561.98
HEIDELBERG	398.0	398.0
HOECHST AG	477.0	478.0
HOECHST AG	302.4	306.5
HOECHST AG	221.5	223.5
HORTEN	221.0	224.5
HUSSEL HLD	472.0	476.0
KALI SALZ	191.0	195.0
KARSTADT	413.0	422.0
KRAUFG	406.5	411.0
KLOECK H	159.0	165.5
KLOECK W	162.0	172.5
LINDE	799.5	800.0
LUFTHANSA	170.0	172.5
NAN	249.5	255.5
NANNESMAN	214.0	219.5
MERCEDES	522.0	535.0
METALLBERG	388.0	404.0
NITROF PF	317.5	332.0
NORSK HYD	37.9	38.0
PHILIP KON	465.0	479.0
PORSCHE	729.0	730.0
PREUSSAG	245.5	250.0
PVA	273.0	275.5
RHEINMETAL	419.0	425.0
RUE	254.0	254.2
RUE P	224.5	226.0
SALAMANDER	325.0	336.0
SCHERING	632.0	636.5
SEL	293.0	296.7
SIEMENS	524.0	534.3
THYSEN	212.0	216.0
VARTA	341.0	348.0
VEBA	284.0	284.0
VEW	170.0	170.0
VOLKSWAGEN	312.0	317.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLOSE
C H TUNNEL	15.10	15.20
CHEUNG K	10.30	10.30
CHINA GAS	19.50	19.60
CHINA L-P	14.90	15.10
CHINA MOTR	27.40	27.00
COSMO PROP	3.95	3.95
EVERGO IND	3.70	3.75
FAR EAST C	1.12	1.16
G EN ORIENT	0	44.00
H S INDEX	100.87	99.97
HANG LUNG	6.35	6.30
HANG SENG	32.75	32.60
HAW PAR BR	11.60	11.75
HK ELEC CO	10.40	10.50
HK KOWLOON	10.80	10.80
HK LAND CO	7.35	7.35
HK SHAN BK	6.20	6.20
HK SHAM HT	5.60	5.55
HK TELE CO	10.70	10.70
HUTCH UNAM	11.60	11.20
IND EQ PAC	18.10	18.10
JARDINE H	9.50	9.50
KOWLOON H	15.00	14.90
PAUL Y CON	1.70	1.70
REALTY DEV	7.80	7.80
S H K CO	3.10	3.15
S H K PROP	14.90	14.90
SINE DARY	2.57	2.55
STELUX MFG	3.22	3.25
SWIRE PAC	21.20	21.40
T V B CO	1.42	1.40
TAI CHEUNG	4.77	4.72
UNION BANK	1.72	1.72
WOCK HARD	0	7.15
WOCK HARI	0	7.15
WORLD INTL	4.92	5.00

AMMAN

ALADDIN COMPANY	OPNG	CLSG
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.		
ARAB BANK		
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR		
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44	2.41
ARAB INSURANCE		
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	1.25	1.23
ARAB INT. HOTELS		
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.35	2.35
ARAB PAPER CON/TRADE		
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	0.76	0.75
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN		
ARAB POTASH CO.		
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN		
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK		
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAH PRESS		
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.		
FINANCE/INVEST/HOUSE	0.75	0.71
FINANCE/OWNERS OFF	4.60	4.55
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.34	1.30
GENERAL WINNING		
HIMMER MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44
IND. MATCH JEMCO		
INDSTR DEVLP/PRK	1.77	1.75
INDSTR/CONV/AGR.	1.68	1.71
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. CON/INV	0.13	0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.91
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITEMED/PETRI/CH		
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JOB TOBACCO/CIGARET	20.00	19.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR		
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER		
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY		
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.90	3.00
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83
JOR LIN BRICK		
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.80	2.76
JOR PAPER CARDBRGE		
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS		
JOR PIPES MANUFACT		
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.40
JOR PRESS/PUBLIS.		
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.		
JOR SECURITY CORP.	1.12	1.11
JOR SELPHO CHEM.		
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY		
JOR WORSTED MLL	5.20	5.45
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	0.97
JOR. PETROLIUM REF		
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP		
JORDAN GULF REAL		
JORDAN DAIRY		
JORDAN GULF BANK		
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK		
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK		
JORDAN TANNING	2.05	2.05
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.74	0.71
MACH/ENG/RENT/MAIN		
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.11
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.80	0.80
MIDDEL EAST INS.	1.78	1.87
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.74	0.75
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO		
NAT/CABLE/WIRE/MF		
NATIONAL ANLIA INS	1.50	1.57
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.46	0.45
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO		
NATIONAL STEEL		
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK		
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.		
RAPIA INDUSTRIAL	1.29	1.33
REAL ESTATE INV.		
SHIPPING LINES		
SPINNING WEAVING		
THE HOUSING BANK	2.15	2.10
UNITED INSURANCE	1.25	1.20
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND		
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65	0.68
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.93	0.96
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.37	1.38

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	66.50	67.00	63.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.44	.45	.44
AC-A	13.00	13.25	13.25	LC-B	.44	.45	.43
ANS	2.60	2.65	2.60	PK-A	.27	.28	.27
GLO	31.50	32.00	32.00	PK-B	.27	.28	.28
PLDY	249.00	250.00	250.00	OIL SECTOR			
KPSI-A	2.70	2.80	2.70	BP-A	.016	.017	.016
KPSI-B	3.40			BP-B	.017	.018	.017
SHC-A	148.00	149.00	148.00	LRC-A	.0034	.0036	
SHC-B	240.00	241.00	240.00	LRC-B	.0034	.004	
MINING SECT				OPW-A	.042	.043	.042
APX-A	.019	.02	.02	OPW-B	.042	.043	
APX-B	.019	.021		DV-A	.029	.03	.029
AT-A	33.50	34.00	34.00	DV-B	.029	.03	

Manila Stock Market Report

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MINING	48,636,350	14,085,625	4,496.86	16.05 DN
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TOTAL	290,582,470	28,068,495	816.58	0.99 UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR							
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN				
SHC-A	147	149	148	BC-A	65.5	67.00	65.00
SHC-B	239.00			BC-B		91.00	
SD-TIRE	36.00	37.00		LC-A	.44	.45	.45
PLDT	249.00	250.00	250.00	LC-B	.44	.45	.45
ANSOR-A-2.60	2.65	2.60		ZIP	.0075	.0085	
				OIL SECTOR			
AC-A	13.00	13.25	13.00	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
GLO	31.50	32.00		BP-A	.016	.017	.016
FER-A	2.10	2.26		BP-B	.017	.018	.017
FER-B	2.42		2.44	LRC-A	.0034	.0036	.0036
				LRC-B	.0034	.004	.0038
MINING SECTOR				OPW-A	.042	.043	.042
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LRC-B	.0034	.004	.0038
APX-A	.019	.02		OPW-B	.042	.043	.042
APX-B	.02	.021	.02	OPW-C	.042	.043	.042
AT-A	33.50	34.00	34.00	OPW-D	.029	.03	.03
AT-B	34.00	34.50	35.00	OPW-E	.029	.03	.03
				TA	.02	.021	.02

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SINGAPORE

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Economic prosperity will return to Gulf: ministers

Bright forecast for Kuwait economy

NEW YORK, Feb 15, (KUNA): A number of Kuwaiti ministers and senior financial officials have asserted here that economic prosperity will return to the Gulf region now that Iran and Iraq are negotiating the end of their eight-year-old war.

"The economic boom will come gradually," Finance Minister Jasssem Mohammed Al Khorafi, told the New York Sunday Daily News.

But he said "peace takes time and I hope our people will not over-react, and start thinking in terms of an immediate big bang business in the Gulf."

The magazine commented that an example of the "slow but steady" economic recovery process is Kuwait's successful credit-settlement initiative, known as the difficult debt settlement programme.

Capacity

It added that for nearly a decade, the Kuwait economy has been witnessing several difficulties such as the unofficial Manakch stock market crisis, to falling oil prices and the devastating effects of the Iran-Iraq war.

It commented that "Kuwaiti leaders demonstrated a tough capacity to hang on during hard times," and now that Iran and Iraq are talking peace, it appears economic prosperity will return to the Gulf.

"In response to such problems, our national authorities have not ceased since 1982 to find fundamental solutions to



Al Khorafi

the economic problems," the magazine quoted chairman and managing director of the Kuwait Real Estate Bank, Ali Alnahedh, as saying.

Kuwait Central Bank Governor Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah told the American publication that "current peace negotiations between Iraq and Iran will have a positive effect on Kuwait's overall economic activity."

Services

"For the past two years, we have noticed the improvement in the value of assets in the domestic economy, which will have a positive effect on solving the credit settlement programme," Sheikh Salem added.

Sheikh Salem said in the commercial banking sector, banks are intensifying their overseas expansion and diversification.



Sheikh Ali

He added that commercial banks are expected to continue moving into investment banking fields, foreign currency and investment management services.

"It appears that the business sector as well as the banking system in Kuwait can look forward to better years of performance from 1988 onward," the Real Estate Bank chairman said.

He indicated that the net profit of local banks in 1987 increased by 14.9 per cent over the previous year.

Role

"The future of Kuwait appears economically bright for a country that faces tough times with tenacity," the New York Sunday Daily News said.

"We hold proof that we have managed to face our problems," the magazine quoted the finance minister as saying.



Sheikh Salem

The magazine pointed out that the Central Bank has been playing an active role in the development of the domestic economy and financial sector.

The magazine also highlighted Kuwait's domestic and global oil development activities.

It pointed out that "the giant Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) flows like a long, serpentine river of black gold through the arteries of Kuwait's highly oil-based economy."

"Our international activities have been very successful. We are now trying to fill the gap in our European networks. The United States and the Far East will be next on our list," Oil Minister and (KPC) Chairman Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah said.

"In Kuwait, we do not look for boom and bustings. We try to keep the economy as balanced as

possible," Sheikh Ali said, adding "we don't view developments such as the Iran-Iraq ceasefire as solving all of our problems."

Effects

The magazine said despite the negative effects of the Gulf war, shipping risks in the Arabian Gulf and other adverse events during the 1980s, "the KPC steered through the politically turbulent and war-torn Arabian Gulf with the adoption of swift and effective flexible policies."

Sheikh Ali said though 50 per cent of the country's income is generated from oil, Kuwait can insulate itself from the dangerous effects of oil price fluctuations to a certain degree by income from investments.

KPC has expanded its exploration activities to several countries, including China, as part of a cautious and gradual growth strategy that appears "to be working well," Sheikh Ali said.

Total revenue for the 1986-1987 year from KPC and subsidiary companies were KD2,961.8 million (\$9,773,940), the report concluded.

Reuters pre-tax profits surge

LONDON, Feb 15, (Reuters): The international news and information agency, Reuters Holdings PLC said yesterday its pre-tax profits rose by 20.5 per cent in 1988.

Reuters managing director Glen Renfrew said in a statement accompanying the company's annual results, he expected a recent rationalisation programme and several new products to aid the group's performance in the current year.

"Gross new orders for Reuters products remain strong and, although cancellations are still heavy, the net new order rate is high enough to generate continued good growth," he said.

Increased

Reuters said pre-tax profits rose 20.5 per cent to £215.4 million (\$376 million) in the year ending Dec 31, 1988. The pre-tax profit margin had increased to 21.5 per cent from 20.6 per cent.

Renfrew said: "Barring additional major setbacks for financial markets or substantial further strengthening of sterling, Reuters should continue to do well."

The company said gross new orders for core information and dealing products remained near record levels in 1988 and large

numbers of new subscribers were signed up. But cancellations were also heavy.

Net new orders remained below the peaks of 1987 throughout the year, but high enough to produce good revenue growth, the company said, without giving figures.

"Trading conditions were worst in major financial centres where growth had been most hectic," Renfrew said in the statement.

Rationalised

"However, we enjoyed strong growth in the emerging industrial powers of the western Pacific and in some of the national markets of Continental Europe."

Reuters said it had rationalised its management structure

and attacked the costs of marketing, development, editorial and overheads. The group's structure is now based on three geographical areas instead of four and several regional administrations have been eliminated.

Services

Five product groups have been created to handle marketing and development.

Revenue grew in 1988 by 15.7 per cent to £1 billion (\$1.76 billion).

Growth was restrained by the hardening of sterling against all Reuters major trading currencies except the yen, by cancellation of subscription services and by a decline in the sales of trading room systems by Reuters subsidiary Rich Inc. from the heights reached in 1987. The company gave no detailed figures.

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Dollar dives and gold edges down

LONDON, Feb 15, (Reuters): Signs of a rift between President Bush and the US central bank, the Federal Reserve, helped to weaken the dollar today, dealers said.

Dealers said comments by Bush that he did not favour a tighter monetary policy were in contrast with recent statements by Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan who has said the Fed should err on the side of restricting credit to fight inflation.

"With signs like that of a disagreement, people started to reduce their dollar holdings," said one trader.

Growth

Bush had said in an interview published in the Wall Street Journal yesterday he did not think US growth was excessive.

Another factor which dragged the dollar down and eroded stock market confidence in Europe was speculation that West Germany and some European countries would raise interest rates to counter the strength of the US currency.

The dollar traded around 1.8435 West German marks and 126.35 Japanese yen at midday in London, up slightly from the morning's lows, but down from yesterday's close of 1.8505 and 126.70.

Mixed

London shares were mixed in quiet business, with the FTSE index of 100 leading shares 2.8 points higher at 2,051.9.

Dealers said a record closing

high earlier in Tokyo had underpinned market confidence.

West German and French shares were lower amid fears of higher interest rates, dealers in Frankfurt and Paris said.

Gold bullion fell to its lowest for 26 months during morning trading and was fixed in London at \$381.70 an ounce against yesterday's close of \$385.25, traders said.

The Tokyo stock market's main share index rose to a record close today, boosted by a strong yen and investor confidence in the economy and corporate profits, brokers said.

But the US dollar eased in nervous trade as dealers worried that overseas players would start selling the currency again later today.

Push

Heavy buying of construction shares helped push the closely watched Nikkei index up 166.59 points, or 0.52 per cent, to a record close of 32,149.48, surpassing Friday's previous record close of 32,141.99. The index eased 2.43 into yesterday.

"The market is doing well because over the last couple of days the yen has gone up significantly," said James Tregear, manager of Japanese equities sales at S.G. Warburg Securities (Japan). "Construction enjoyed a steady rally in the afternoon."

Brokers said they were optimistic about the market in general. "The Japanese in general believe in the strength of

economic expansion on a long-term basis," said a senior analyst at one of the big four securities houses.

In the broader Tokyo market, declines slightly exceeded advances, by 467 to 438, with 174 stocks unchanged in moderate turnover of 1.6 billion shares against 1.5 billion yesterday.

The US dollar closed lower on selling from investment trusts, but buying from life insurers and exporters prevented a fall below a 125.50-yen support level, dealers said.

Dealers are watching to see if overseas players try to push the dollar down further later today. But one dealer said drastic dollar

movement is unlikely until West Germany's Bundesbank policy committee meets tomorrow and Friday's release of US December trade data.

The dollar ended at 125.90 yen and 1.8420 West German marks against 126.25 and 1.8435 at yesterday's New York close.

It opened here at 126.30 yen and 1.8435 marks, after tumbling overnight partly on West German interest-rate speculation, dealers said.

"Yesterday's news of a 1.7 per cent rise in West German January wholesale prices points to rate rises by the Bundesbank to curb inflation, and has spurred dollar selling," said one dealer.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Feb 15, (Reuters): Stocks closed lower in lacklustre trading due in part to lower metal prices and lack of direction from Wall Street. The All Ordinaries index fell 6.4 to 1,479.2.

TOKYO: The Nikkei index rose strongly to a record close, although declines just exceeded advances in the broader market. The Nikkei rose 166.59 to 32,131.99.

HONG KONG: Stocks ended a little changed after a day when fears about the weaker US dollar competed with bargain-hunters hoping to jump onto a local bull market. The Hang Seng rose 0.90 to 3,100.87.

SINGAPORE: Share prices closed slightly higher after a see-saw session in active trading. The Straits Times industrial index managed a small 2.39 point gain to 1,122.56.

BOMBAY: Share prices met with widespread profit-taking after a mid-session rally to close lower in moderate trading. Tata Steel fell Rs 13.75 to 1,196/25 and Larsen five to 107.

FRANKFURT: Shares took a sharp turn downward in active dealing after a smaller than expected Bundesbank securities repurchase allocation revived fears of an interest rate rise. The Dax Index fell 14.15 to 1,317.32.

Bahrain studies plans to privatise

BAHRAIN, Feb 15, (Reuters): Bahrain is studying plans to sell some state-owned firms to private investors after its new stock exchange opens in March, a senior official said today.

"We have discussed and accepted a memorandum on a policy of implementing the privatisation of government ownership," Isa Borshaid, undersecretary at the Finance Ministry, told Reuters.


"The memorandum will be submitted to the Bahrain cabinet for approval, possibly next week," he said.

Borshaid said the sell-off would begin with government stakes in 10 companies including hotel firms and light industries such as the Bahrain aluminium extrusion company, which makes window and door frames from locally-produced ingots.


Basic industries such as Aluminium Bahrain and Bahrain Petroleum Co. would initially be excluded. The holdings would be sold on the Bahrain Stock Exchange, which is due to open in the first half of March.

Ford signs consultancy pact

FORD Motor Company and Vittorio Ghidella announced yesterday that they had signed a consultancy agreement under which Ghidella will advise the president of the Ford Automotive Group (Philip E. Benton Jr) on a variety of worldwide automotive initiatives. Ghidella was formerly president and chief executive officer of the Fiat automotive group.



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GRAND DANCE FESTIVAL
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Dr. Padma Subramanyam (Padmasree)
23-2-89 at 6.30 pm Bharatha Nattam Dance Ballet
24-2-89 at 6.00 pm Dance Ballet
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25-2-89 at 6.00 pm Bharatha Nrithyam
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Miss Cynthia of Kuwait Continental Hotel, Tel: 2527300 8.30 am to 5.30 pm
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that:

MR SALMAN DAWOUD AL HASHIM
Ex-manager, American Services based in New York has ceased to be in the services of the company effective 1.2.1989

and

MR MOHAMMED KAZIM AL MAZEEDI
Ex-marketing manager, American Services also based in New York has ceased to be in the services of the company effective 4.2.1989.

Therefore

UASC is not responsible for any dealings with any of the above named, on behalf of the company as from the dates mentioned above.

Dear Junior Readers,

If you have started to collect items you will probably need a suitable place to keep them so that your parents do not complain about the mess.

Storing small items is the least problem. These can be kept in a neat scrap book. This week JUNIOR TIMES shows you how to make a practical scrap book which will gladly hold your collections.

The book will also give special value to the collection and will personalise it as well.

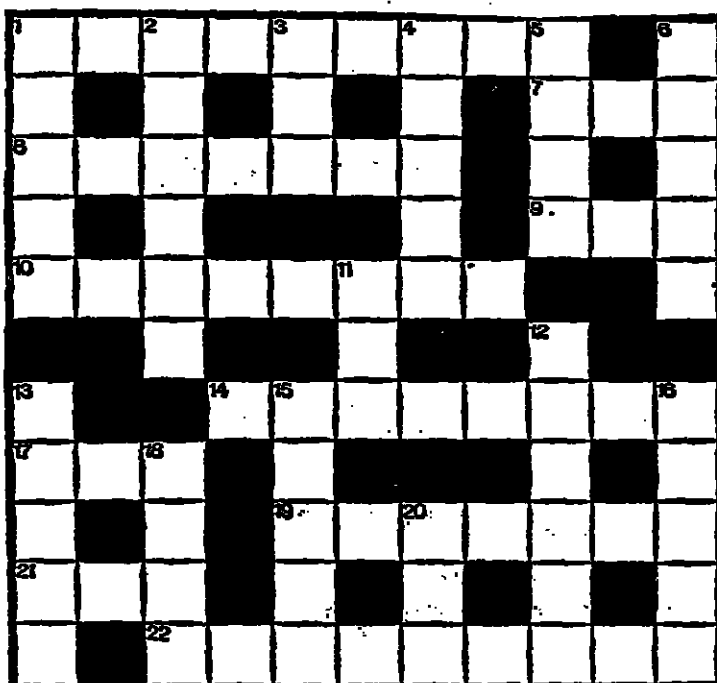
If you are collecting bulky items, like empty match boxes, cotton reels and string you will need to empty out a shelf to hold the items.

Your best solution will be to put each sort of item in a different cardboard box. Boldly label each box with crayons and put all of the boxes on the shelf. Be sure to tidy your collection shelf once a week and sort out your collection otherwise it may become just a junk shelf.

If your collection consists of really big things like shoe boxes, cereal packets and assorted tins use a large container and keep it at the bottom of your cupboard, or under your bed.

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Across

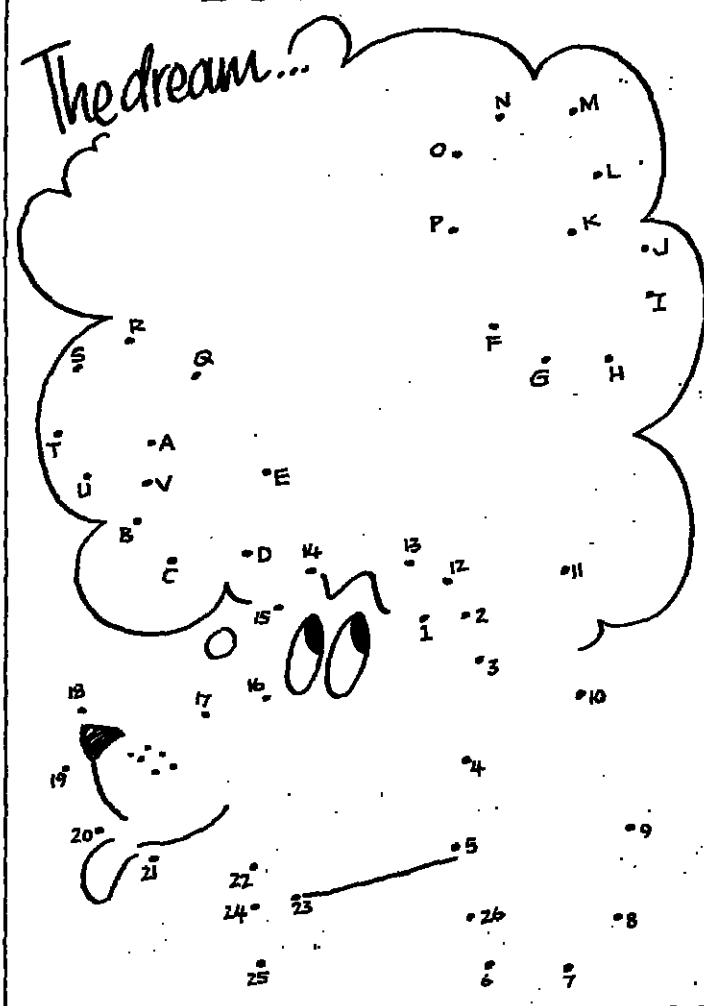
- 1 Believer in nonconformist doctrine (9)
- 7 Everyone of everything (3)
- 8 An impediment in the speech (7)
- 10 The most lacking in sense (8)
- 14 Sweet frozen dairy-product (3-5)
- 17 False hair-piece (3)
- 19 To put into danger (7)
- 21 Vegetable found in a pod (3)
- 22 Brings back some vitality (9)

Down

- 1 Removes surface dirt (5)
- 2 Best seats in a theatre (6)
- 3 Tree subject to Dutch disease (3)
- 4 They protect the ends of wheels (5)
- 5 Improvised wooden float (4)
- 6 Support for an injured arm (5)
- 11 The organ of sight (3)
- 12 The front of a fireplace (6)
- 13 A wildly-aimed blow (5)
- 15 Steep part of the coast (5)
- 16 Animals of burrowing habits (5)
- 18 A set of tools (4)
- 20 Meat or fruit in pastry (3)

Solution on Tuesday

DOT-TO-DOT



AS White Fang watched Weedon Scott approach, he bristled and snarled to advertise that he would not submit to punishment. Twenty-four hours had passed since he had slashed open the hand that was now bandaged and held up by a sling to keep the blood out of it. In the past White Fang had experienced delayed punishments, and he apprehended that such a one was about to befall him. How could it be otherwise? He had committed what was to him sacrilege — sunk his fangs into the holy flesh of god, and of a superior-looking god at that. In the nature of things, and of intercourse with gods, something terrible awaited him.

The god sat down several feet away. White Fang could see nothing dangerous in that. When the gods administered punishment they stood on their legs. Besides, this god had no club, no whip, no fire-arm. And furthermore, he himself was free. No chain nor stick bound him. He could escape into safety while the god was scrambling to his feet. In the meantime he would wait and see.

The god remained quiet, made no movement; and White Fang's snarl slowly ebbed down in his throat and ceased. Then the god spoke, and at the first sound of his voice the hair rose on White Fang's neck and the growl rushed up his throat. But the god made no hostile movement, and went on calmly talking. For a time White Fang growled in unison with him, a correspondence of rhythm being established between growl and voice. But the god talked on interminably. He talked to White Fang as White Fang had never been talked to before. He talked softly and soothingly, with a gentleness that somehow, somewhere, touched White Fang. In spite of himself and all the pricking warnings of his instinct, White Fang began to have confidence in

The love master

this god. He had a feeling of security that was belied by all his experience with men.

After a long time the god got up and went into the cabin. White Fang scanned him apprehensively when he came out. He had neither whip nor club nor weapon. Nor was his uninjured hand behind his back hiding something. He sat down as before, in the same spot, several feet away. He held out a small piece of meat. White Fang pricked his ears and investigated it suspiciously, managing to look at the same time both at the meat and the god, alert for any overt act, his body tense and ready to spring away at the first sign of hostility.

Still the punishment delayed. The god merely held near to his nose a piece of meat. And about the meat there seemed nothing wrong. Still White Fang suspected; and though the meat was proffered to him with short inviting thrusts of the hand, he refused to touch it. The gods were all-wise, and there was no telling what masterful treachery lurked behind that apparently harmless piece of meat. In past experience, especially in dealing with squaws, meat and punishment had often been disastrously related.

In the end, the god tossed the meat on the snow at White Fang's feet. He smelled the meat carefully, but he did not look at it, while he smelled it he kept his eyes on the god. Nothing happened. He took the meat into his mouth and swallowed it. Still nothing happened. The god was actually offering him another piece of meat. Again he refused to take it from the hand, and again it was tossed to him. This was repeated a number of times, but there came a time when the god refused to toss it. He kept it in his hand and steadfastly proffered it.

The meat was good meat, and White Fang was hun-

gry. Bit by bit, infinitely cautious, he approached the hand. At last the time came that he decided to eat the meat from the hand. He never took his eyes from the god, thrusting his head forward with ears flattened back and hair involuntarily rising and cresting on his neck. Also a low growl rumbled in his throat as warning that he was not to be trifled with. He ate the meat, and nothing happened. Piece by piece he ate all the meat, and nothing happened. Still the punishment delayed.

He licked his chops and waited. The god went on talking. In his voice there was kindness — something of which White Fang had no experience whatever. And within him it aroused feelings which he had likewise never experienced before. He was aware of a certain strange satisfaction, as though some need were being gratified, as though some void in his being were being filled. Then again came the prod of his instinct and the warning of past experience. The gods were ever crafty, and they had unguessed ways of attaining their ends.

Ah, he had thought so! There it came now, the god's hand, cunning to hurt, thrusting out to him, descending upon his head. But the god went on talking. His voice was soft and soothing. In spite of the menacing hand the voice inspired confidence. And in spite of the assuring voice the hand inspired distrust. White Fang was torn by conflicting feelings, impulses. It seemed he would fly to pieces, so terrible was the control he was exerting, holding together by an unwonted decision the counter-forces that struggled within him for mastery.

He compromised. He snarled and bristled and flattened his ears. But he neither snapped nor sprang away. The hand descended nearer and nearer to him. It touched the ends of his upstanding hair. He shrank down under it. It followed down after him, pressing more closely against him. Shrinking, almost shivering, he still managed to hold himself together. It was a torment, this hand that touched him and violated his instinct. He could not forget in a day all the evil that had been wrought him at the hands of men. But it was the will of the god, and he strove to submit.



of wrath, that gentle and caressing hand transform itself into a vice-like grip to hold him helpless and administer punishment. But the god talked on softly, and ever the hand rose and fell with non-hostile pats. White Fang experienced dual feelings. It was distasteful to his instinct. It restrained him, opposed the will of him towards personal liberty. And yet it was not physically painful. On the contrary, it was even pleasant, in a physical way. The patting movement slowly and carefully changed to a rubbing of the ears about their bases, and the physical pleasure even increased a little. Yet he continued to fear, and he stood on guard, expectant of unguessed evil, alternately suffering and enjoying as one feeling or the other came uppermost and swayed him.

Well, I'll be gosh-swogled! So spoke Matt, coming out of the cabin, his sleeves rolled up, a pan of dirty dishwater in his hands, arrested in the act of emptying the pan by the sight of Weedon

Scott patting White Fang. At the instant his voice broke the silence White Fang-leaped back, snarling savagely at him.

Matt regarded his employer with grieved disapproval. "If you don't mind my expression" my feelin's, Mr Scott, I'll make free to say you're seventeen kinds of a damn fool, an' all of 'em different, an' 'then some."

Weedon Scott smiled with a superior air, gained his feet, and walked over to White Fang. He talked soothingly to him, but not for long, then slowly put out his hand, rested it on White Fang's head, and resumed the interrupted patting. White Fang endured it, keeping his eyes fixed suspiciously, not upon the man that patted him, but upon the man that stood in the doorway.

"You may be number one tip-top minin' expert, all right, all right," the dog-musher delivered himself oracularly, "but you missed the chance of your life when you was a boy an' didn't run off an' join a circus."

BATTIBOOKE SCHOOL General Knowledge Exam

Question

- 1. Who was Joan of Arc?
- 2. What are people who live in Paris called?
- 3. Whom did Shakespeare marry?
- 4. Who designed St. Paul's Cathedral?
- 5. What was the novel 'Ivanhoe' about?
- 6. Where did Salome dance?
- 7. What is the capital of Belgium?
- 8. What is a Soviet?
- 9. Where was the Magna Carta signed?
- 10. Translate 'non compos mentis'
- 11. What is an epistle?
- 12. Name a musical instrument played by Ancient Britons

Pupil: Stu Pidd

Answer

- Noah's daughter
- Parasites
- An Avon Lady
- Christopher Robin
- A famous Russian gardener
- In front of Harrods
- B
- Something you wipe your mouth with at meals
- At the bottom
- We didn't mean to make a compost heap
- The wife of an apostle
- The Anglo Saxophone

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Garrish Remedios celebrated his first birthday on Feb 12. Best wishes from mum, dad, relatives and friends.



Moncy Varghese will soon celebrate his birthday. Best wishes from mum and dad and love from sisters.

Ha! Ha!

Did you hear about this black-bird who joined a pop group? They said, "He's raven again."

Did you hear about the chicken who got married? She went to a hen party.

My brother's got a new job in a blotting paper factory. He says he finds the work absorbing.

My uncle's just had this great idea for getting more pigs into a small space. He's built a sty-scraper.

Bookmaking

THESE directions make a hard-cover, bound book 15cm x 23 cm. You'll need:
● 2 sheets of cardboard 15cm x 23cm (for covers)
● A strip of 22 cm x 2 cm (for spine)
● 15 sheets of 22 cm x 28 cm paper (for the pages)
● paper, leather or fabric to cover the cover and for the inside end pages
● Heavy duty thread; a needle; coloured self adhesive vinyl tape; glue.

Making the cover

Cut the paper to cover your book covers about 5 cm larger on all sides than the sheet of cardboard and lay the cardboard in the centre of it. Fold the corners over as in the diagram, keeping the edges of the folded corner horizontal and vertical. Paste them down with a dab of glue. Now fold the edges over and paste them down. You should end up with 4 neat corners of real clothbound books. Do this

with both covers.

Attaching the spine

Cut a piece of self-adhesive vinyl tape 30 cm long and lay the strip of cardboard in the centre of it. Lay the two covers on either side of it leaving a small space between them just large enough to allow the book to open and close easily. Fold the ends of the tape over.

The insides

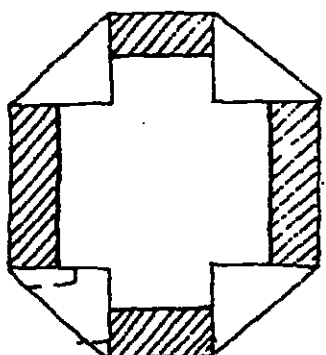
Fold all the paper for the pages in half. In groups of 5 sheets sew them together up the fold using a big running stitch. Be sure to keep the knot on the outside of the fold so it won't show in the finished book.

When you've sewn up all 3 groups of pages put a little bit of glue along the folded edges and hold them tightly together for a few minutes, until the glue sets. This will hold the pages together.

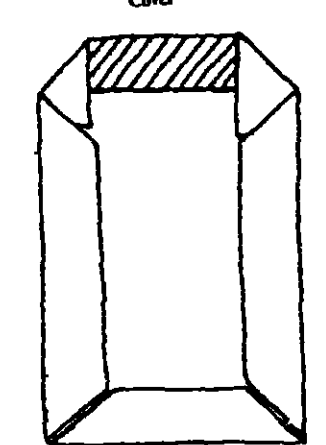
While they are drying out cut two pieces of decorative

paper (22 cm x 28 cm) for the inside end pages.

Places the pages in the centre of the cover (opened flat). Paste half of one of the end pages to the first page of the signatures and the other half to the inside front cover. Do the same at the back of the book. This is what holds the pages in the book.



Cover



Next week: variations for younger children

Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

THE EARLIEST CLAIM TO HAVE RECEIVED WIRELESS SIGNALS (THE LETTER 'S' IN MORSE CODE) ACROSS THE ATLANTIC WAS MADE BY MARGONI AND COLLEAGUES FROM A 10 KW STATION AT POLDHU, CORNWALL, TO SIGNAL HILL, ST JOHN'S NEWFOUNDLAND AT 12.30 ON 12 DEC 1901.

ON 9 FEB 1928 THE IMAGE OF JOHN LOGIE BAIARD (1898-1946) AND OF A MRS HOWE WAS TRANSMITTED FROM STATION 2 KZ AT COLDSOON, SURREY, ENGLAND TO STATION 2 CUV, HARTSDALE, N.Y., USA.

Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON



THE FIRST 'LIVE' TRANSLANTIC TRANSMISSION BY SATELLITE WAS MADE ON 23 JULY 1962 AND THE FIRST WOMAN TO APPEAR ON SCREEN WAS THE HAUTE COUTURIERE GINETTE SPANIER.

Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

THE HIGHEST SPEED EVER RATED FOR A STEAM LOCOMOTIVE WAS 126 MPH (202.8 KM/H) OVER 440 YDS (402 M) BY THE LNER A-6-2 NO 4468 PULLING SEVEN COACHES WEIGHING 240 TONS DOWN SLOPE BANK BETWEEN GRANTHAM AND PETERBOROUGH ON 3 JULY 1938.

Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

THE HIGHEST SPEED RECORDED ON ANY NATIONAL RAIL SYSTEM IS 136 MPH (219 KM/H) BY THE FRENCH SNCF HIGH-SPEED TRAIN TGV-PSE ON TRIAL NEAR TONNERRE ON 26 FEB 1981.

Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

THE ODDEST COLLISION ON RECORD OCCURRED IN CUMBERLAND, TEXAS USA IN FEBRUARY 1913 DURING A FLOOD. A FREIGHT TRAIN COLLIDED IN THE DARK WITH THE SHALLOW-DRAUGHT PACKET-BOAT LOCHIE WHICH WAS SAILING ABOVE THE TRACKS. NO ONE WAS INJURED BUT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE WAS NEVER PROPERLY SETTLED.

Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

ARAB TIMES Classifieds

ACCOMMODATION

Available

ABBASIYA, behind Shahani Video. 1 room in a 2 bedroom flat for an Indian couple, 2 working ladies or 2 RC bachelors, to share with a Goan family. Tele. Tony, 4714754. 8am-5pm. 2462668. 8am-12 noon, 4-8pm.

(AT5-46064-3)
SALMIYA behind the Salmiya Fire Station, Building 9. One spacious room with a separate kitchen for a family/two working girls to share with an Indian family. Rent KD60. Tele: Vipan 4740801. 7:30 am - 1pm. 4:30 - 7:30 pm.

(AT5-46063-3)
SALMIYA, near Salmiya Educational Centre. Accommodation for one Indian bachelor to share with other bachelors. Bus routes 15, 24, 30, 519, 19. Tele. 5749750. 4-9:30 pm.

(AT5-46065-2)
FAHAHEEL, Mecca Street. Accommodation for one person to share with a Goan bachelor. Tele. 3927124. 8 am - 12 noon.

(AT4-ML-TM-3)
SALWA, House-23, Block-7, Street No. 4. Big room with water, electricity, kitchen for a family or bachelors to share with an Indian family. Rent KD50. Tele. 5611243. (AT3-46037-6)

KUWAIT City, Sharq, behind the Firdous Cinema beside the Teachers Institute, House No 117. Accommodation for a family. Tele. Ramadan, 2527639. 7am-12:30pm, 4-10pm.

For Rent

SALWA, 3rd floor in a villa, CAC, 5 bedrooms, 2 kitchens, 3 bathrooms, 2 big saloons, with separate entrance. Rent KD450 with water and electricity. Tele. 5630895, 5619259.

(AT5-46058-3)

WANTED

WINDSURFER, funboard, complete and in good condition. Tele. 2540559, after 4 pm.

(AT6-46080-3)

CAR, right hand drive, any model considered. Tele. 5740458, after 5:30 pm.

(AT6-46076-3)

FOR SALE

Computers

ARC Turbo model (internal 20MB disk drive), two 360KB floppy disk drives, ARC EGA colour monitor, enhanced keyboard, assorted software. KD490. Tele. 2412304, after 2 pm.

(AT6-46075-3)

Furniture

KEA household items for sale. Tele. 5621396.

(AT4-46049-3)

Cars

MITSUBISHI Lancer, Station Wagon, '86 model, manual, red, 88,000 kms with AC, in good condition. KD900 cash. Tele. 5743344.

(AT4-46046-3)

TOYOTA Corolla 1984, with AC, automatic, white, 50,000 kms, in very good condition. KD1,058, KD44 per month. Tele. 5744136. 10 am - 6 pm.

(AT6-46079-2)

BMW 520i, 1980 model, manual, with AC, sunroof, registered up to Dec 1989, in good condition. KD500. Tele. 4894315, any time (even Friday).

(AT6-46066-3)

CHEVROLET Sprint 1.3 GL, 1986 model, white, automatic with four doors, hatchback, AC and stereo system in excellent condition. KD1,350. Tele. 4884485.

(AT4-46042-3)

MAZDA 626 GLX, 1984 model, with AC, 4 doors, hatchback, fully automatic, registered up to Nov '89, in good condition. KD750. Tele. 4894315, any time (even Friday).

(AT6-46066-3)

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South Africa sees black revolution on cricket pitch

ATTERIDGEVILLE, South Africa, Feb 15, (Reuters): A quiet cricketing revolution has swept the sprawling black townships of South Africa.

The politics which have effectively ostracised South African sport from the outside world seem a long way from the practice nets at the side of a dusty school playground in this poor, blacks-only suburb of Pretoria.

A group of boys aged 10 to 14 are attending one of the scores of clinics organised by the South African Cricket Union (SACU) where the basics of batting and bowling are being taught to an estimated 60,000 of the nation's black youngsters.

The clinic at Palongeng senior primary school has 60 boys, almost euphoric with enthusiasm, sharing three sets of pads and three bats.

Paces
The boys, watched enviously from the sidelines by curious passers-by, go through their paces under the eagle eye of English county cricketer Russell Cobb and black teacher-cum-coach Charles Kekana.

Cobb, spending the European winter playing professionally for a Pretoria-based provincial team, spends his mornings coaching in the township clinics, convinced that he is playing his part in abolishing sporting apartheid.

"This is the way I see the end of apartheid. By encouraging cricket here, we are paving the way to multi-racial teams in the future," Cobb said.

Cobb is taking a calculated career risk.

The International Cricket Conference (ICC), the sport's world governing body, last month ruled that any player with South African sporting links after April 1 should be banned from Test cricket for up to five years.

"I had to weigh up whether or not I had any chance of playing for England. I don't think I do now. If I had been younger, I would have said no to South Africa," said 27-year-old Cobb.

Cobb said he had received nothing but sympathy and understanding over his actions from his Leicestershire county colleagues.

"The enthusiasm for the game is incredible. That alone makes it worthwhile," he said.

The township programme is a key weapon in the SACU's fight to gain international recognition for its assertion that cricket in South Africa is now run on non-racial lines and should therefore be allowed back into the world's sporting fold.

Critics, however, say that South Africa's system of separate schooling and segregated areas for different races prevent blacks from gaining equal exposure to the game, which is still the domain of the exclusive white schools.

Although the township programme is in only its second, tentative year, it has helped to push the sport to hitherto unprecedented heights of popularity — and the skills are following swiftly.

Organisers
"It's already part of the township culture," said Francois Weideman, a former Transvaal and northern Transvaal pace bowler who organises the black training clinics.

"A few years ago, soccer was the game on the streets. Now you get thousands turning out for cricket matches and cricket leagues. It's fantastic."

Professional coaches such as Cobb are few and far between.

Because of that, coaching clinics have therefore been launched in the townships and hundreds of primary school teachers, many of them women, have gone back to school themselves to learn the intricacies of bowling, batting, and the etiquette of the game.

Weideman's main problem is harnessing the runaway success of his programmes.

"We have been asked to start clinics in black homelands and for older pupils. But our resources at this stage mean that we have to restrict it to under-14s and to the major townships," he said.

Predict
Already, the most promising black pupils have been selected for district and provincial schools teams which are normally the preserve of white private schoolboys.

Weideman and Cobb predict in a few more years blacks will take their place in the national team, the Springboks.

"Give us 10 years and we will have produced a Springbok from the clinics," Cobb said.

"He's a pessimist. Give us eight years," was the swift rejoinder from Weideman.

However long it takes, the SACU hopes that South Africa's black cricketing revolution will make it ever harder for the ICC to continue keeping it out in the cold.

MAVERICKS BRUSH ASIDE CLIPPERS

Newman takes Knicks to victory

NEW YORK, Feb 15, (AP): Johnny Newman scored 22 points, six of which sparked a second-quarter run, leading the New York Knicks to their sixth consecutive victory, 129-117 over the Charlotte Hornets in a National Basketball Association game played last night.

The Hornets took their largest lead at 51-43 with 5:07 left in the first half before the Knicks closed the period with a 15-4 run that Newman opened with a basket and four free throws, giving the Knicks a 58-55 lead at halftime.

76ers 113, Pacers 108
Charles Barkley had 26 points and 14 rebounds, lifting the Philadelphia 76ers to a 113-108 victory over Indiana, handing the Pacers their eighth straight loss.

The Sixers, up by 15 at half-time, saw their lead slip to 100-96 with five minutes left after Indiana's Vern Fleming hit a basket and two free throws and Wayne Tisdale scored on a rebound.

Cavaliers 109, Heat 98
The Cleveland Cavaliers, the best team in the NBA, beat the Miami Heat, with the League's most recent record, 109-98, as Mark Price scored 21 points and Larry Nance 20.

Miami, 5-41, trailed 78-69 at the end of the third quarter, but six straight points from Kevin Edwards helped the heat close the gap to 88-81 with 7:29 left.

Rockets 137, Celtics 123
Akem Olatunji had 35



Jordan scored 32 points for Bulls but failed to save his team from defeat

points and 19 rebounds and the Houston Rockets rolled to their highest point total of the season in a 137-123 victory over the Boston Celtics.

Sleepy Floyd contributed 18

points and 10 assists as the Rockets won their third straight and their eighth in the last 10 games.

Bucks 132, Nets 91
Terry Cummings scored 28

points and the Milwaukee Bucks

opened a 30-point halftime lead in crushing the New Jersey Nets 132-91 for their eighth straight homecourt victory.

Milwaukee shot 62 per cent in the first half to only 27 per cent for the Nets and ran up a 66-36 halftime lead. Eight players reached double figures as the Bucks hit their season-high for points.

Mavericks 117, Clippers 98
Mark Aguirre scored 15 of his 29 points in the first quarter and the Dallas Mavericks eased to a 117-98 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Dallas hit 16 of its 22 first-period shots, 73 per cent, en route to a 37-20 lead over the Clippers, who have won only one of their last 21 games.

Hawks 106, Bulls 98
John Battle came off the bench to score eight fourth-quarter points and Dominique Wilkins scored 36 as the Atlanta Hawks defeated the Chicago Bulls 106-98.

The Hawks took advantage of Michael Jordan's six consecutive missed free throws in the final minutes for their first win in three games. Jordan finished with 32 points.

Jazz 119, Nuggets 105
Karl Malone scored 28 points and John Stockton had 21 assists as the Utah Jazz overcame a 14-point halftime deficit and outscored the Denver Nuggets 43-14 in the third quarter of a 119-105 victory.

Malone also had 14 rebounds, while Stockton added 22 points.

Walter Davis and Michael Adams had 18 points each for the Nuggets, who finished the second quarter with a 20-8 run for a 60-46 halftime advantage.

Sonics 129, Spurs 113
Xavier McDaniel scored 30 points and Nate McMillan had a triple-double, leading the Seattle SuperSonics to a 129-113 victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

McMillan had 10 points, 14 rebounds and a 12 assists. Dale Ellis added 22 points and Alton Lister had 20 points and five blocked shots for the Sonics.

Pistons 111, Lakers 103
Joe Dumars scored 11 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter and Detroit outscored Los Angeles 13-2 in the final two minutes to beat the Lakers 111-103.

The Pistons trailed 96-91 with 4:36 to play before Dumars keyed a 7-0 streak with a 3-pointer and jumper, giving Detroit a 98-96 lead.

Bullets 107, Kings 99
Ledell Eackles scored 10 of his 12 points in the final quarter, lifting the Washington Bullets to a 107-99 victory over the Sacramento Kings.

Terry Catledge had 19 points and 14 rebounds and Jeff Malone 18 points as the Bullets snapped a six-game road losing streak.

Results

New York	129	Charlotte	113
Philadelphia	113	Indiana	108
Cleveland	109	Miami	98
Houston	137	Boston	123
Dallas	117	Los Angeles	98
Milwaukee	132	New Jersey	91
Atlanta	106	Chicago	98
Utah	119	Denver	105
Seattle	129	San Antonio	113
Detroit	111	LA Lakers	103
Washington	107	Sacramento	99

Laser club holds 2nd Open meeting

THE Messiah Beach Laser Club holds its second 'Open' meeting this weekend. The two day event consists of four races with the best three results to count towards final placings.

The first race is scheduled for this afternoon, with briefing at 1430. The remaining three races will take place tomorrow with first briefing at 0930.

Visitors are expected from the Fintas Sea Scouts and Kubbar Yacht Club. However, the current spell of cold weather seems likely to discourage some of the less dedicated Laser enthusiasts.

This weekend, the Messiah Beach Hotel sponsored Laser Challenge Series continued with Races 3 and 4 of the 10 Race Series.

With a strong south easterly breeze and moderate sea building up during the morning the racing was fast and furious with some spectacular downwind wave — planning and power reaching, sometimes resulting in equally spectacular capsize!

Straight
Mike Hattamore continued his dominance of the local Laser racing scene with two straight wins making four in a row for the series. In the first race Dave Clark led the fleet for the first triangle and second beat, only to be overtaken by the fleet.

The overall points after four races put Mike Hattamore clear favourite for the series with Pat Berry and Dave Clark competing fiercely for second place.

A welcome visitor to the club, former member Richard Beylath, now based in Cyprus, demonstrated that his sailing expertise is not limited to offshore yachts by stepping into a borrowed Laser to take a second and third place in Friday's races.

Newcomers Roger Brown and Ken Young worked hard to get to grips with their Lasers in the testing conditions doing extremely well to complete the course in the first race, but sensibly deciding not to race in the afternoon.

Dave Reeve, having perfected his capsize routine, is now fast improving and soon to become a challenge to the front runners.

The shipment of new Lasers is now confirmed for a mid-March arrival in Kuwait. Already three of these boats have been reserved by potential members of the Messiah Club increasing the fleet to 13 boats!

Organisation
An informal evening on the I.Y.R.U. Racing rules is being held on Sunday, February 19. The rules are applicable to both dinghy and windsurfer racing, and race organisation — newcomers to the sport are particularly welcome.

For more details about the Kuwait Laser scene, new boats, club membership, rules etc., call Phil Shepherd 5314957 or Dave Clark 2425947.

Johnson hopes to return to athletics soon

ROME, Feb 15, (Reuters): Disgraced sprinter Ben Johnson said yesterday he was training hard and hoped to return to athletics soon.

Interviewed on an Italian sports awards television show the Canadian 100 metres world champion and record holder said: "I'm training almost every day. I'm keeping myself fit and hope to get back to the sport soon."

Johnson was banned from competition for two years when traces of the banned anabolic steroid stanozolol were found in urine samples after his 100 metres victory at the Seoul Olympics. He was also stripped of his gold medal.

Johnson, looking calm and composed, said he felt much better than he had a few months ago.

Intikhab raps New Zealand umpires

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Feb 15, (AP): Pakistan manager Intikhab Alam today criticised the standard of umpiring in the second Test against New Zealand, which ended in a draw at the Basin Reserve yesterday.

Intikhab told the New Zealand Herald newspaper that the umpiring in the match stressed the need for world action on the issue.

Biased
"There were just too many bad decisions in this Test. I am not saying the umpires were biased, but that they were inefficient," he said.

The match was umpired by Steve Woodward — New Zealand's most experienced official, who was in his 19th Test — and Steve Dunne, who was standing in his first Test.

Pakistan was unhappy with verdicts against Salim Malik, who was caught behind, and century maker Javed Miandad, who was given out leg before wicket.

Pakistan was also angry that New Zealand batsman Andrew Jones was given not out after a confident appeal for a catch by wicket-keeper Saleem Yousuf on the final day.

New Zealand batsmen Martin Crowe, and John Bracewell were also clearly disappointed by low decisions against them in the New Zealand second innings.

"There could have been six or seven decisions that went against us in this Test. There may have been decisions which did not please the New Zealanders," Intikhab was quoted as saying.

"But I feel I must speak out on this matter. Every touring team that comes to Pakistan seems to be prepared to shout out about umpiring there."

"Yet we are the only country in the world who have appointed neutral umpires for a Test series, when West Indies played in Pakistan."

"In Pakistan we have appointed neutral observers to examine the umpiring."

"Bad umpiring is bad for the game, and spoils everything. It does not only happen when Pakistan plays New Zealand. It happens all over the world."

Intikhab said decisions on appointing neutral umpires had to come from the International Cricket Conference.

HCC reach semifinals

HOLDERS Hyderabad Cricket Club reached the semifinals of the YMCA Goodyear Cup cricket tournament with a 64-run victory over Zarqa Cricket Club at the Ahmad Governorate ground earlier this week.

HCC skipper Saleem lost the toss but his team was put in to bat. Rodney and Masood opened the innings for HCC and put on 43 runs off the first six overs.

Masood (22) was the first to lose his wicket when he was bowled by Aijaz. The same bowler accounted for Rodney (20) a few runs later.

Ashfaq became Aijaz's third victim and HCC seemed to be in some sort of trouble. HCC lost two more wickets and seemed to have lost control of the match at 72 for five.

Saleem joined Bastaki at this stage and pulled their team to 166 without being separated. Saleem and Bastaki scored 45 runs each.

Aijaz took three wickets while Naeem got two.

Chasing seven runs an over, Zarqa were off to a bad start after they lost Iqbal in Ronnie's first over. Zahid and Farhat took the score to 66 but fell behind the required run-rate.

James took three wickets in the space of nine deliveries to put more pressure on Zarqa. Mathews (three for nine) and Tariq (two for 14) polished off the Zarqa tail.

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Tyson and Givens finalize divorce

LOS ANGELES, Feb 15, (UPI): Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson and actress Robin Givens chose Valentine's Day to end their turbulent one-year marriage with a mutual divorce obtained in the Dominican Republic, attorneys said.

Tyson travelled from Las Vegas, Nevada, to the Dominican Republic on a day off from training to gain the judgement, his attorney Howard Weitzman said yesterday. Dominican law requires only one party be present. A representative for Givens said she remained in Los Angeles because of acting commitments.

Attorneys for Tyson and Givens would not divulge terms of the divorce. In the year they were married, Tyson earned more than \$20 million for his lone bout, a 91-second knockout of Michael Spinks.

"Mike is excited, he's happy," Weitzman said of the champion, who defends his undisputed title on Feb 25 against England's Frank Bruno. "It's a great Valentine's gift for him. Mike is satisfied it finally ended and that the deal is done. For both Mike and Robin, it's best that they get on with their lives."

Consider
Raoul Felder, Givens' lawyer, said the actress, who appears on television's "Head of the Class," did not consider the divorce a present.

"She's very subdued," Felder said. "I don't think any divorce is a Valentine's gift. You'd have to be a nitwit to be happy about a divorce. But you take life as it comes. She's dealing with it like millions of other people deal with divorce."

The couple married on Feb 7,



Mike Tyson

1988, and their union has been marked by a series of violent and acrimonious battles, waged from New Jersey to Vancouver to the Soviet Union.

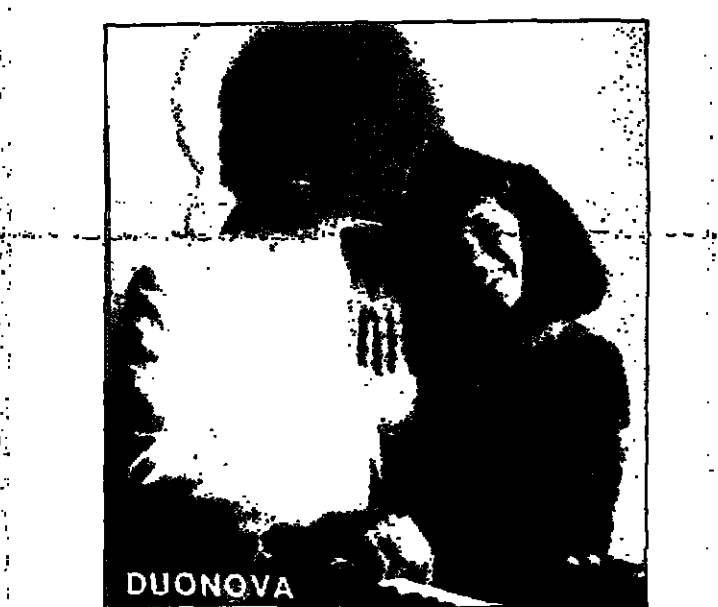
Tyson and Givens aired their grievances on national television, and the champion accused Givens of drugging him for one of the interviews. Tyson later cursed his wife at a news conference. Givens, in turn, sued him for character defamation.

Tyson had also filed for divorce and annulment in New Jersey and Givens filed in California.

A week before Givens filed for divorce on Oct 7, the actress told television interviewer Barbara Walters that life with Tyson was "torture ... pure hell ... worse than anything I could possibly imagine."

Family members said Tyson beat Givens.

Tyson, who has closed his workouts to reporters, recently said his difficulties with Givens stemmed from his inability to control his emotions.



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